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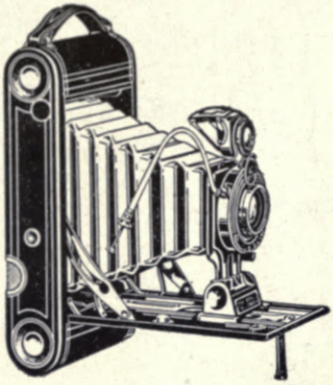

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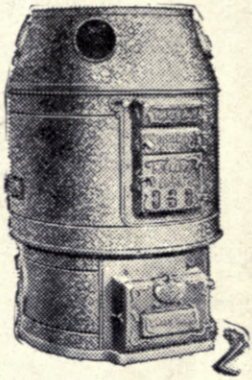

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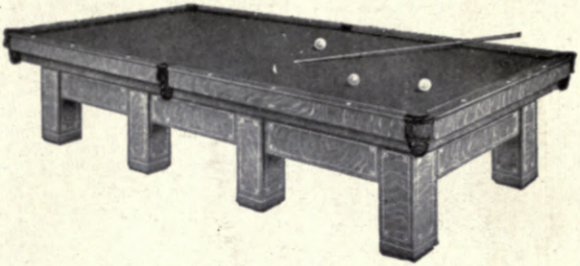

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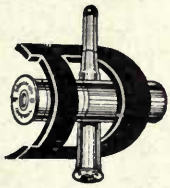

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The SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Association will be held at Montreal, Quebec; the date to be decided upon by the Executive Committee, of which due notice will be given.

FOREWORD

IN presenting this, the first Report of the Dominion Convention of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, we desire to thank those who have helped to make this volume a financial success. Had it not been for their hearty support, this edition would not have appeared. As it is, all expenses have been met and the Association has received a substantial amount for its treasury.

To all members of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, we ask for their careful reading and study of the work of the Convention.

It is hoped that all will stand "Shoulder to Shoulder" and we feel confident that at roll call at the second Convention to be held in Montreal next year, the membership will show a gratifying increase over that of 1918, which membership embraces many thousands of the best Veterans in the Empire.

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An Act to incorporate The Army and Navy Veterans in Canada.

[*Assented to 20th September, 1917*]

Whereas the persons hereinafter named have by their petition prayed that it be enacted as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. Major-General John Hughes, Major-General Henry N. Ruttan, Captain Sir Hugh John Macdonald, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Daniel Hunter McMillan, Judge David Marr Walker, Lieutenant-Colonel George Frederick Carruthers, J. Hilliard Leech, K.C., Major George F. R. Harris, Judge George Patterson, Lieutenant William Allen Shepard, William Johnston Tupper, K.C., Major Philip Edwards Prideaux, Captain Reginald Alton Tijon Alton, Edward W. Low, David J. Dyson, Bartholomew Murphy, Samuel Pearson, Samuel Simpson, and Joseph Henry Hammond, together with such other persons as become members of the Association hereby incorporated are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of "The Army and Navy Veterans in Canada," herinafter called "the Association."

2. The purposes and objects of the Association shall be:—

(*a*) To unite fraternally all persons who have served as soldiers or sailors under the British flag, and are entitled to become members under the constitution and by-laws of the Association, into a body of retired soldier and sailor veterans of a non-partisan and non-sectarian character, for purposes of good-fellowship, mutual improvement and assistance, and patriotic endeavour and service to the Empire:

(*b*) To increase the public influence of veterans by organization, by parades and by giving as an entity expressions of opinion upon public questions affecting the rights of veterans or concerning the welfare of the whole or any part of the Empire;

(*c*) To stimulate the spirit of patriotism in Canada and to promote, on sound and enduring principles of equality of rights, a Greater Britain, by a closer unity and co-ordination of the Overseas Dominions with the mother-country.

(*d*) To assist the Empire when occasion requires in enlisting recruits for His Majesty's forces;

(*e*) To acquire, maintain and operate clubs, homes, and meeting places for the benefit of veterans, and to furnish, stock and equip the same with such furniture, furnishings, plant, animals, implements, equipment, appliances, libraries, and means of entertainment and amusement, as may by the Association be considered desirable;

(*f*) To acquire and maintain museums in connection with any premises of the Association for the interest, education or benefit of its members;

(*g*) To levy upon its members, or upon bodies to whom it has granted charters as authorized herein, fees or assessments from time to time as may be required for the support of the Association and the carrying out of its objects; and to raise funds for the purpose of the Association by such means, with others, as providing entertainments, operating canteens and places of refreshment and amusement;

(*h*) To assist the Canadian forces, or any forces of the Empire on active service either within or beyond the Empire, by establishing, operating and maintaining canteens and establishments for the rest and comfort of and as meeting places for those composing such forces.

3. The head office of the Association shall be in the city of Winnipeg, in the province of Manitoba, or in such other place in Canada as may from time to time be determined by the Association.

4. The Association shall be governed and its affairs shall be managed by a board of directors to be chosen in such manner and number, from time to time, as may be determined by the by-laws of the Association.

5 (1) The directors of the Association may, from time to time, make, repeal, amend or re-enact by-laws and rules, not contrary to law nor inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, for:—

(*a*) defining the terms and conditions of membership in the Association, and the rights, duties and privileges of all classes of members;

(*b*) the administration, management and control of the property, business, and other affairs of the Association;

(*c*) the appointment, powers, duties, quorum, term of office, and method of election of the directors;

(*d*) the appointment, designation, functions, duties and remuneration of all officers, agents and servants of the Association;

(*e*) the appointment of committees and the designation of their duties;

(*f*) the calling of meetings, annual or special, of the Association, and of meetings, periodical or special, of the directors and of committees;

(*g*) the fixing of the quorum necessary at, the procedure in all respects at or concerning, and all other requirements of, any meeting of the Association, or of its directors or committees;

(*h*) generally, for carrying out the objects of the Association.

(2) Every such by-law, excepting by-laws made respecting officers, agents and servants of the Association, and every repeal, amendment or re-enactment thereof, unless in the meantime confirmed at a general meeting of the Association duly called for that purpose, shall only have force until the next annual meeting of the Association, and in default of confirmation thereat, shall, at and from that time, cease to have force.

6. (1) Subject to the constitution, by-laws and rules of the Association, branches of the Association may be established at any place in Canada, under such title and designation and subject to such conditions and provisions, and with such power not exceeding those conferred upon the Association by this Act, as the Association may determine by by-law.

(2) Except in so far as may be otherwise provided by the by-laws of the Association, the Association shall not have any rights in the assets of any such Branch, or be liable for any of the debts or obligations of any such Branch; and no Branch shall have any rights in the assets of, or be liable for any of the debts or obligations of the Association, or of any other Branch thereof.

7. The Association may take, hold, possess and acquire by purchase, lease, exchange, donation, devise, bequest, endowment or otherwise, real or immovable property required for the actual use and occupation of the Association, or necessary or requisite for the carrying out of its purposes and objects; and may sell, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or alienate such property in any manner whatever; but the annual value of such property shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars: and any such property not required for the purposes and objects of the Association shall be sold within ten years after its acquisition.

8. (1) If authorized by by-law, sanctioned by the vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present at any general meeting of the Association duly called for considering the by-law, the directors may, from time to time, as and when required for the objects of the Association,—

(*a*) borrow money upon the credit of the Association;

(*b*) limit or increase the amount to be borrowed;

(*c*) make, accept, draw, endorse and execute bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments;

(*d*) issue bonds, debentures, or other securities of the Association for sums not less than one hundred dollars each, and pledge or sell the same for such sums and at such prices as may be deemed expedient;

(*e*) hypothecate, mortgage or pledge any real or personal property of the Association, to secure any money so borrowed for the objects of the Association, or any bonds, debentures or other securities so issued, pledged or sold;

(*f*) invest the funds of the Association in such manner and upon such securities as are determined by the by-law.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the Association to issue any note or bill payable to bearer thereof, or any promissory note intended to be circulated as money or as the note or bill of a bank, or to engage in the business of banking or insurance.

9. The fifteen persons first named in section 1 of this Act, or a majority of them, shall have authority to call the first meeting of the Association at such time and place as they may agree upon and on such notice as they may consider sufficient for the purpose.

Army and Navy Veterans in Canada

CONSTITUTION

1. The Dominion Headquarters of this Association shall be as designated by this Convention.

2. The Association shall be conducted as an Association of Veterans of the Army and Navy and Auxiliary Forces, as a purely democratic body, no members thereof being entitled to rank or priority over any other members of the Association by reason of their having held at any time military or naval commands, appointments or commissions.

MEMBERSHIP

3. The membership of the Association shall consist of three kinds:

(a) Active Membership.

(b) Associate Membership.

(c) Honoary Membership.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

4. The active membership shall be the qualified, effective and governing membership of the Association and any active member in good standing shall have the right to vote on any question being considered by the Association.

5. To qualify for active membership of the Association the candidate must be one who has either received a medal for service in His Majesty's forces, or shall have served at least six years' aggregate service in the regular forces, or 9 years' aggregate service in the Active Militia or other Auxiliary Forces of the Empire, and shall be of good character.

PROVIDED that all members of the Overseas forces from Canada and all men enlisted for service to the Empire, in the present great European war, who shall while on duty in such service have been within some theatre of the war or being enlisted outside the British Isles shall have gone to England while on duty in such service shall provisionally

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be deemed to have received medals as aforesaid until such times as such medals are formally awarded. This proviso, however, shall not apply (a) to men who only went to England (b) men who did not go to the front in France or in some other theatre of war on duty in such service, unless they produce satisfactory evidence that without fault of their own they were prevented from so going to such theatre of war (c) nor to men who have been dismissed from any such forces for misconduct.

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Associate Membership

6. An Associate Member shall be any man who has seen service in His Majesty's Forces, and who is not eligible to active membership in this Association.

7. An Associate member shall not have the right to vote at any meeting of the Association or of any of its units, or to be elected to any Executive office, but may be selected to act on any special committee of a Unit. Provided that the Majority of such Committee shall consist of active members of the Association.

Honorary Membership

8. The honorary membership shall consist of such persons as the Association or any Unit thereof, may elect to become honorary members of their respective bodies.

PROVIDED, however, that only the Association shall have power to elect such honorary members to the Association at large.

9. The Honorary membership shall be restricted in its numbers to a very limited few to the end that it may be more highly appreciated as a mark of distinguished honour by the parties upon whom it is conferred.

The Association in Convention

10. The directing body of the Association as provided in Section 4 of the Act of Incorporation, shall be known as the Convention of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, and shall meet annually at such time and place as the Convention may from time to time decide.

Convention

11. There shall be a Directing body of the Association to be known as "The Convention of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada" which shall meet in annual Convention.

12. The said Convention shall consist of Delegates elected from the Units of the Association.

13. Each Unit shall be entitled to be represented by a Delegate for every one hundred members, or fraction thereof, in good standing, until such Unit shall have reached a membership of two thousand, after which it shall be entitled to only one Delegate for every five hundred of a membership in good standing over two thousand. Membership to be computed on the first of the month in which the Convention shall be held.

14. Such members assembled in Convention shall be the supreme governing body of the Association and shall have power to enact, amend, and repeal laws for the management, order and government of the Association and all its subordinate units.

15. The Convention shall have power by resolution to pass rules and orders regulating its own proceedings and to amend, repeal or suspend the same from time to time and where no such rules or orders are passed governing any procedure, the rules, orders and usages of the House of Commons of Canada shall in so far as applicable be made to govern. Provided that no such rule or order shall be amended, repealed or suspended except by vote of at least two-thirds of the members present.

16. The Convention during its session shall be presided over by the President of the Association, the Vice-President, or in the absence or incapacity of both these, by an elected Chairman.

17. All measures of a continuous or permanent character passed by the Convention shall be in writing and shall become binding on the Association only after passing a first reading of the Convention, having been referred to and reported on by a committee appointed to deal with such measure and having afterwards passed a second reading and received the assent of the Convention.

18. No motions amending the constitution of the Association shall be presented to the Convention unless notice of motion to present such amendment stating the nature of the proposed amendment shall have been given in the notice calling the Convention or unless the Convention by two-thirds vote dispenses with the necessity of such notice.

19. No amendment to the constitution shall be deemed to have been carried unless at the final reading it is sustained by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members assembled in Convention.

Calling Convention

20. Notification of the time and place of all sittings of the Convention shall be given by the General-Secretary by a notice in writing to the various units of the Association not less than thirty nor more than sixty days before the assembling of the Convention, by mailing such notices addressed to the Secretaries of such Units.

21. In all proceedings in the Convention each member shall have one vote in his own right and one for each proxy held by him and where not otherwise provided by constitution or by-law; any motion or resolution supported by the vote of a clear majority of those present shall be deemed to be carried. In case of an equality vote the occupant of the chair shall have the casting vote.

Ways and Means

22. The Convention shall have power to make a per capita levy upon all units for funds for the support and maintenance of Headquarters.

23. At each Convention, the Treasurer shall furnish a complete financial statement showing a general summary of receipts and expenditures covering the period since the preceding statement and showing assets and liabilities of the Headquarters of the Association up to the end of the last financial year supplemented as far as convenient by a supplementary statement up to the date of opening of the Convention.

24. The Treasurer shall also furnish estimated expenditures for the ensuing year, showing ways and means by which such expenditures are to be met. After the Convention has passed such estimate, each Unit shall be notified of the amount it shall contribute during the ensuing year and shall pay its assessment within 90 days of notification by the Secretary.

PROVIDED, in case a longer period than one year should elapse, between Conventions the Dominion Executive shall prepare supplementary estimates from time to time as it shall deem advisable of the anticipated expenditures until Convention shall assemble and shall apportion such expenditure in the same manner as the Convention could do.

25. Any Unit in arrears in payment of levies made upon it shall be deprived of all representations in the Convention until the same is paid, unless the Convention, by a two-thirds vote of members present, shall waive the provisions of this section.

26. All such levies shall be remitted to the Dominion Treasurer of the Association who shall have authority to receive the same and give receipt therefore.

Convention Delegates

27. Each Unit shall at a general meeting, elect such Delegate or Delegates as it shall be entitled to under the provisions hereof. Only Active Members in good standing shall be eligible for election and such election shall be by ballot.

Dominion Executive

28. The Executive, Management and Control of the Association, subject to the general control of the Convention, shall be carried on by an Executive Board of the Convention.

29. The officers of the Association shall consist of an Honorary President, President, 1st Vice-President, a Vice-President, a Vice-President for each Province, Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain.

30. The officers of the Association and one representative from each Province to be known as "The Dominion Executive" shall be elected by the Convention. The members of such Dominion Executive shall hold office until their successors are elected at the next regular meeting of the Convention.

31. The Honorary President, the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain shall be elected by the Convention.

32. Vacancies occurring in the Dominion Executive from any cause between sittings of the Convention shall be filled by the Executive from members of the Association.

33. Subject to the General Control of The Convention, the Dominion Executive shall have control of its own proceedings and may pass by-laws governing the same.

34. The Executive Committee shall have power in case of necessity or emergency to call a special Convention of the Dominion Association.

Charters

35. The Dominion Executive shall have power to grant charters from time to time to Units, which Charters shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the Association and be sealed with the Great Seal of the Association upon payment of a fee of $10.00.

Upon petition of twenty-five veterans qualified to become active members of the Association praying that they and such others as shall become members within a certain area in said petition described shall be formed into a Unit and certifying that they wish to become members of such proposed Unit, and that in their opinion a qualified membership of not less than one hundred could be procured and maintained within such territory and upon said petition being accompanied by a declaration signed by at least twenty-five other veterans qualified to become members of the Association certifying that it is their wish and intention to become members of such proposed Unit in case same is established, the Dominion Executive may in their discretion if they think it would be to the advantage of the Association to establish such Unit, grant a charter after the form in that behalf adopted by the Dominion Executive to such petitioners, constituting them and such others as shall become members, a Unit with jurisdiction over the territory petitioned for or such lesser, greater or other territory as the Dominion Executive shall think proper.

Said petition shall be forwarded to the General Secretary and shall be accompanied by a fee of $10.00, which fee shall go to the general revenue of the Association and in the event of such charter not being granted one-half said fee shall be returned to the petitioners and the balance shall be deemed to belong to the Association.

Upon receipt of such petition it shall be the duty of the Dominion Executive to give due consideration to the same and if thought advisable to issue a charter to the said proposed Unit to supply such Unit with a charter, ten copies of the constitution and by-laws and to give such general instructions as may be necessary for the organization of such Unit.

Honorary Associate Members

36. An Honorary Associate Member shall be the nearest male next-of-kin of those who have fallen in the Wars of the Empire and he shall be eligible for such membership in the various Units of the Association.

Ladies' Auxiliary

37. There shall be a Ladies' Auxiliary under the direction and control of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association, which shall be composed of the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of Active Members of the Association, and of men in Active Service who shall be active members. It shall have power to elect Honorary members and Associate members in keeping with the privilege set forth in clauses by the Association proper.

The Auxiliary shall elect its own officers subject to the approval of the Unit to which it is attached and all disbursements made by the same shall require the authorization of the Unit to which they belong.

Fees

38. The regular annual membership fee of the members of the Association shall be not less than $2.00 a year.

39. In addition to the above dues, each Unit shall have Authority to tax its members each year with a per capita tax sufficient to meet all levies made upon it for the support of the Association at large, or Unit Headquarters.

Suspension and Expulsion of Members

40. Any Unit Executive may, by vote of not less than two-thirds of its members present, at any meeting thereof, suspend any member of the Association for any reasonable cause, including any of the following clauses:

(a) For non-payment of dues, when the same are one year or more in arrears.

(b) For misconduct in or about the Association's premises, or respect to its property.

(c) For slandering the good name of the Association, or of its Executive or any of its officers.

(d) For gross or habitual misconduct in any place, calculated to make his membership injurious to the Association.

(e) For committing any act of Treason or felony.

(f) In case such member should become an alien enemy.

Audit

41. The Books and Accounts of the Association shall be audited by an auditor duly appointed by the Dominion Executive and a statement of such audit for the preceding year, duly certified, shall be placed before the Convention.

Great Seal

42. There shall be a corporate seal of the Association after the design as herein shown.

43. The seal of each Unit shall bear the designation of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada incorporated, with the name of the Unit

J. G. EVANS
Kingston, Cntario
Vice-President

inserted in the centre, in place of the shield now occupying the centre of the Great Seal, and power shall be given to such Units to use such seal for local purposes only.

Decoration

44. The Decorations of the Association shall be as follows:—

(a) The Button as now being used by the Army and Navy Veterans' Association in Canada for Active Membership.

(b) The badge of the Association shall be the one now in use by the Winnipeg Unit.

(c) That the ribbon of the same shall be the ribbon of the Association.

(d) The badge of the Ladies' Auxiliary shall be the badge now in use in Canada by the Winnipeg Unit of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada.

(e) The Button of the Associate Member shall be one as now used in British Columbia.

Uniform

45. The adoption of a distinctive dress or uniform shall be left to the discretion of each Unit of the Association.

Status of Members

46. Nothing herein contained shall apply to or effect the status of the present members of any Unit or organization of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association in Canada, who were members prior to the 14th day of May, 1918.

Tenure of Office

47. The President of the Association shall not hold office more than 2 terms in succession.

GOD SAVE THE KING

Committee on Constitution

E. R. R. MILLS, Chairman.

W. GORDON, Secretary.

COMMITTEE:

J. GWALLIA EVANS.
WILLIAM J. TUPPER.
H. J. YOUNG.
ALBERT G. STAGG.
ALAN C. J. STEWART.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Army and Navy Veterans in Canada

FIRST CONVENTION

May 11th to 15th, 1918

The Convention was called to order at 10.40 a.m., May 11th, by Comrade W. J. Tupper, K.C., President of the Winnipeg Association, after the singing of the National Anthem.

The Chairman read a letter from Lt.-Col. G. F. Carruthers, Provisional Chairman of the Charter Members of the Dominion Incorporation, regretting that on account of illness, he would be prevented from attending the Convention.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME TO DELEGATES.

The Chairman expressed the sorrow of the meeting at the illness of Comrade Carruthers, and told of the great interest he had always taken in the welfare of the Association and his efforts towards the formation of a Dominion Association. Comrade Tupper, then, on behalf of the Winnipeg Association, delivered an address of welcome to the visiting delegates; he outlined the work of the Association in the past, and the hopes that a strong Dominion Association would be the result of the Convention. He pointed out that members of the Army and Navy had always been in the forefront of patriotic efforts; when the present war broke out the local Association did not wait for the authorities to act, but immediately instituted an active recruiting campaign, and through their efforts some fifteen hundred recruits were enlisted.

The remarks of the Chairman were listened to with great interest by the assembled delegates and received with hearty applause. He pointed out that there was nothing cut and dried for the delegates, and the whole matter of organization was in their hands.

Short addresses of thanks were made by Comrades Major Rothwell, of Ottawa; Capt. Gordon, of Montreal; Commander Evans, of Kingston; Capt. Stagg, of Calgary, Alta.; H. E. Beck, of Regina, Sask.; Comrade McLeay, of Yorkton, Sask., and J. B. Jenkins, of Weyburn, Saskatchewan.

The Secretary read letters and telegrams from the Secretaries of the Toronto, Ont., Vernon, B.C., and Hamilton, Ont., Associations, regretting that they were unable to send delegations.

Moved by Comrade Rothwell, Ottawa, seconded by Comrade Stagg, Calgary: That the hearty thanks of all visiting delegates to the Winnipeg Convention be tendered to their Winnipeg comrades for the grand welcome to Winnipeg, which has been extended to the visiting delegates by Comrade (President) Tupper. Carried unanimously.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Moved by Comrade Evans, Kingston, seconded by Comrade Smithson, Ottawa: That a Credential Committee of three be appointed by the Chair, representing the East, West, and Central parts of Canada. Carried.

The following were appointed on the Credential Committee: For the West, Comrade Beck, Regina; East, Comrade Gordon, Montreal; Central, Comrade Low, Winnipeg.

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION.

Motion by Comrade Rothwell, Ottawa, seconded by Comrade Leech, Winnipeg: That the Committee on Representation consist of two representatives from each Province, such representatives to be first selected by the members present from the Province, and afterwards sanctioned by the general meeting.

The delegates from the several Provinces met and reported the following selected to be on the Committee to decide the basis of representation.

Quebec: Comrades Cross and Gordon, Montreal.

Ontario: Comrades Evans, of Kingston, and Smithson, Ottawa.

Saskatchewan: Comrades McLeay, Yorkton, and Jenkins, Weyburn.

Manitoba: Comrades Tupper, of Winnipeg, and Post, of Greenridge.

Alberta: Comrades Stagg and Sampson.

The above named Committee met and appointed Comrades Leech and Murdoch to represent British Columbia on the Committee; the delegates from that Province not having arrived.

The Convention adjourned at 12.45.

AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 11th

The President took the chair at 2.30 and introduced Major-General John Hughes, Inspector General of Western Forces and acting G.O.C. of M. D. No. 10, who was received with cheers. General Hughes addressed the meeting and welcomed the visitors on behalf of himself, staff and the officers and men of M. D. No. 10.

In the absence of the Mayor, Controller Cockburn represented the civic authorities, and extended a welcome for the City of Winnipeg.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the *Army and Navy Veterans' Convention*:

Comrades:—Your Committee on Credentials beg to report as follows:—

We find the following Associations and Districts represented by the Comrades mentioned:—

	Members	
Brandon, Man.	100	Wm. Burke. Thos. Lee.
Calgary, Alta.	610	A. G. Stagg.
Greenridge, Man.	Unorganized	John R. Post. James Calder.
Kingston, Ont.	1,710	J. G. Evans. Q.M.S. Akerly.
Morden, Man.	Unorganized	Major G. F. Forrest.
Montreal, Que.	251	Capt. W. Gordon. T. H. Cross.
Ottawa, Ont.	400	Major T. G. Rothwell. G. A. T. Smithson. E. R. R. Mills.
Gretna, Man.	Unorganized	Dr. J. A. Stevenson.
Neepawa, Man.	60	Capt. J. Crawford.
Regina, Sask.	784	H. E. Beck. W. Riley. F. Williams.
Saskatoon, Sask.	12	W. S. Grant (Proxy).
Weyburn, Sask.	50	John B. Jenkins.
Winnipeg, Man.	2,729	W. J. Tupper, J. M. Simpson, W. B. MacNamara, E. W. Low, C. G. F. Wheeler, J. F. Tennant, W. A. Shepard, W. J. Meacham, W. Willis, Sam. Pearson, H. G. Hubbell, E. Wasdell, J. H. Holman, A. Hibbs, John Hay, D.C.M., Andrew Murdoch, J. H. Leech, P. E. Curtis, R. Chrystal Irving, Chas. Midwinter, G. J. McHiffin, J. E. Davies, E. H. Sampson, J. B. Morrison, F. A. Hardisty, D. F. Gorrie, Col. G. F. C. Pousette, C. V. Hamilton, F. Motley, A. L. Young, W. W. Dart.
Port Arthur, Ont.	22	Major R. C. Powell.
Yorkton, Sask.	250	H. W. Purvis. H. T. Mitchell. W. R. Pickering. A. C. Stewart. D. McLeay. J. Bradner. D. R. Gilbert.

As there are a number of delegates still expected, your Committee begs leave to make further supplementary reports.

Fraternally submitted,

E. W. Low,
W. Gordon,
H. E. Beck, } *Committee.*

Moved by Comrade Low, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Beck, Regina: That the report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION.

Moved by Comrade Leech, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Smithson, Ottawa: That the report of the Committee on Representation be adopted. Carried.

The report is as follows:

To the Convention:

Comrades:—

We, your Committee on Representation, beg to recommend, that all delegates present during any part of the Convention shall have a right to vote and otherwise participate in its proceedings.

That, subject to the foregoing, representation be fixed as nearly as possible on the basis of the relative membership of the units represented, allowing each unit one representative for every 75 members or fraction of 75.

That the membership and representation found by the Committee for each unit is as follows:

Local	*Membership*	*Delegates*	*Voting Strength*
Winnipeg	2,729	35	35
Kingston	1,710	2	23
Yorkton	200	7	7
Regina	750	3	10
Neepawa	Unorganized	1	1
Calgary	660	1	9
*Edmonton	550	1	8
*Macleod	510		7
*Lethbridge	330		5
Brandon	100	3	3
Weyburn	50	1	1
Montreal	251	2	4
Vancouver / Victoria	1,000 (See note)	2	14
Ottawa	400	3	6
Moose Jaw	75	1	1
Port Arthur	22	1	1
	8,337	63	135

Committee on Representation

Quebec
CROSS GORDON

Ontario
EVANS SMITHSON

Saskatchewan
MCLEAY JENKINS

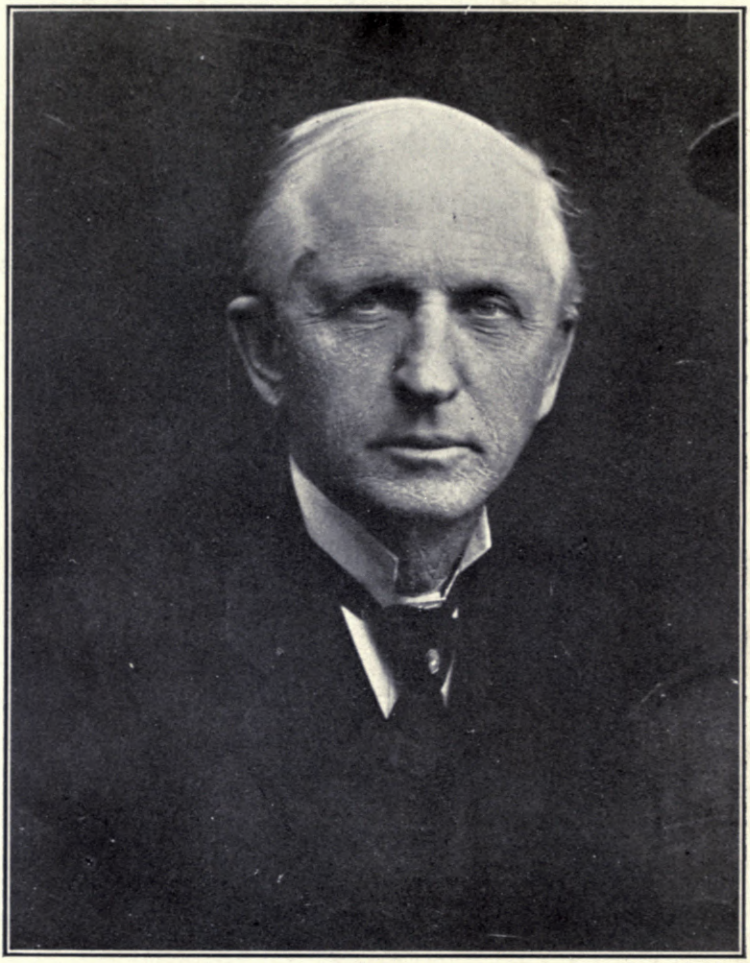
Manitoba
TUPPER POST

Alberta
STAGG SAMPSON

British Columbia
LEECH MURDOCH

(NOTE.—At the time of making this report the delegates from Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., had not arrived.)

* The membership given above for Edmonton, Macleod and Lethbridge, Alberta; was given to the committee in error. There were no delegates present, nor certificates as to membership of these units presented, so that their vote was not received nor considered.



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Winnipeg, Manitoba
Chaplain to the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada

PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS.

Moved by Comrade Leech, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Low, Winnipeg: That the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, Dominion Charter, admit to membership in the new incorporation, all Delegates present or who are certified to by the Committee on Credentials of this Convention. Carried.

MAJOR ROTHWELL ELECTED CHAIRMAN.

Five candidates were nominated for the position of permanent Chairman. Four withdrew in favor of Comrade Major Rothwell, Ottawa, whose election was made unanimous. The nominees were as follows:

Comrade Cross, Montreal, nominated by Comrade Gordon.

Comrade Evans, Kingston, nominated by Comrade Mills.

Comrade Rothwell, Ottawa, nominated by Comrade Hubbell.

Comrade Holman, Winnipeg, nominated by Comrade Hay.

Comrade Tupper, Winnipeg, nominated by Comrade Post.

SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

Comrade Evans, Kingston, nominated Comrade E. W. Low, Winnipeg, as permanent Secretary of the Convention. Comrade Low was elected by acclamation.

INVITATION TO RE-UNION.

On motion, the following communication was received and accepted with thanks:

A hearty invitation is extended to visiting delegates in attendance at the Army and Navy Convention, to be present at the Annual Re-union of the Veterans of the Northwest Rebellion, 1885, which will be held at the Headquarters of the Army and Navy Veterans, Main Street, at 8.30 this evening.

The Re-union will be entirely informal and will partake of the nature of a smoker, with refreshments and music.

A. L. Young, *Capt.*

Winnipeg, Man., May 11th, 1918.

DRAFT OF CONSTITUTION.

Moved by Comrade Mills, Ottawa, seconded by Comrade Hubbell, Winnipeg: That Comrades Leech and Tupper be appointed a Committee to consider and report on the draft of the Constitution to be submitted to this Convention, with power to add to their number Comrades from the several Provinces; said Committee to report on Monday morning. Adopted.

CONVENTION PROGRAMME

Moved by Comrade Akerley, Kingston, seconded by Comrade Stagg, Calgary: That the programme now before this Convention be carried out.

Adopted, subject to necessary corrections of motion of Comrades Young, Victoria, and Akerley, Kingston.

The Convention then adjourned, on motion of Comrades Shepard and Meacham.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Monday, May 13th, 1918.

The Convention was called to order at 10.20 by Comrade Major Rothwell.

Roll Call was made, and about 75 delegates responded.

The minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and approved.

Letters of regret at inability to be present were received from His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, Sir James Aikins; Sir Hugh John Macdonald, and His Grace, Archbishop Matheson.

Sir James Aikins wrote:

May 13th, 1918.

W. J. Tupper, Esq., K.C.,
President, Army & Navy Veterans,
Winnipeg.

Dear Mr. Tupper,—

I had hoped to be able to accept the invitation of the Winnipeg Branch of the Army & Navy Veterans to attend the banquet which they are tendering to-morrow evening to the visiting delegates to the first Dominion Convention of the Army & Navy Veterans. I find, however, that I shall be out of the City and, therefore, will not have the pleasure of being present at the banquet.

Let me assure you that I greatly appreciate the excellent patriotic purposes which have influenced the Army & Navy Veterans in initiating a Dominion organization. The men who have risked their lives in the defence of the Empire and of Canada have attested the quality of their patriotism and their citizenship. I am confident they will see that their organization maintains that high ideal of public service which they have individually exhibited, and in this public service I wish them every success.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. M. Aikins,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Archbishop Matheson wrote:

Bishop's Court,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
12/5/18.

Archbishop Matheson regrets that pressure of work will prevent him from accepting the kind invitation to dinner on May 14th. Wishing the organization every success,

I am, very sincerely yours,

S. P. Matheson.

Capt. Sir Hugh John Macdonald wrote:

Winnipeg, May 10th, 1918.

E. W. Low, Esq.,
Secty.-Treas., A. & N. V. in Canada,
312 Main St.,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Sir and Comrade,—

Your letter of yesterday's date was on my desk when I came to my office after leaving the Police Court at 4 o'clock this afternoon and I wrote at once to thank the members of the Association for the honor they have done me in electing me as one of the delegates to represent them at the First Dominion Convention of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, commencing in the Lecture Hall of the Industrial Bureau on Saturday the 11th inst. at 10 a.m. I consider it a very high compliment to have been selected, but unfortunately, my duties as Police Magistrate, which occupy every morning and the afternoons of Tuesday and Thursday, and frequently Friday, will preclude me from discharging the duties attached to the position of delegate and I must consequently ask your Association to appoint someone in my place, though I do so most unwillingly.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) HUGH J. MACDONALD,

H. J. M./M. May 11, 1918.

Moved by Comrade Hubbell, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Pooley, Vancouver: That we go into Committee as a Whole as per programme. Carried.

COMRADE EVANS, Kingston: Before going into committee as a whole I think it absolutely necessary that there should be a ratification of the resolution passed Saturday which contained the word "provisional" to tide us over Saturday until Monday. I understood a meeting of the charter members was to be held this morning which was to take the necessary steps to include the delegates present here in the original organization, so before we get into a committee as a whole the resolution should be ratified. We are no longer a "provisional" association, but in fact a "real" association.

Comrade Low explained that there was action covering the point. He read the following letter:

Winnipeg, May 13th, 1918.

To the Chairman and Delegates of the First Dominion Convention of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada,

Comrades,—

I beg to advise you that at a regularly called meeting of the Provisional Board of Directors of the Dominion Incorporation of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, held this date, a resolution was adopted endorsing and confirming the resolution presented by Comrades Leech and Low, during the session of this Convention, held on Saturday, May 11th, as follows:—"That the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, Dominion Charter, admit to membership in the new incorporation, all Delegates present or who are certified to by the Committee on Cedentials, of this Convention."

I trust this will remove any danger of the above mentioned resolution not legally transferring the membership of this Convention to the Dominion Incorporation.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) E. W. Low,
Prov.-Secretary.
Provisional Board of Directors.

Moved by J. G. Evans, Kingston, seconded by A. G. Stagg, Calgary: "That the communication of the Charter Corporation, Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, be accepted and placed on the minutes." Adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Dominion Convention, Army and Navy Veterans in Canada:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report the following entitled to representation in this Convention:

	Strength	*Member*
Winnipeg		Thomson, John.
Portage la Prairie	25	
Victoria	325	Sergt.-Major H. J. Young.
Moosomin	Unorganized	Major G. B. Murphy.
Brandon	Unorganized	A. F. Barker.
Vancouver	800	Chief Petty Officer E. A. Pooley, A.M.

H. E. Beck,
W. Gordon,
E. W. Low,
} *Committee.*

Winnipeg, 13th May, 1918.

On motion of Comrades Low and Beck, the report of the Committee was adopted.

INVITATION FROM LADIES' AUXILIARY.

The following letter was next read:

The Ladies' and Girls' Auxiliaries of this Association will be in attendance at the Army and Navy Veteran's Rooms, 312 Main St., from 2 p.m. to receive any Delegates and their friends.

Visiting Delegates will kindly notify the Ladies' Auxiliary of the present address of any of their Ladies who would care to take advantage of this invitation.

(Signed) Mrs. W. J. Meacham, *President*, Ladies' Auxiliary. Mrs. Wilton Dort, *President*, Girls' Auxiliary.

Moved by Comrade Smithson, Ottawa, seconded by Comrade Young, Victoria: That this letter just read from the Winnipeg Ladies' Auxiliaries be recorded and placed in the minutes, also that we accept the invitation with thanks. Carried.

At this stage it was mentioned that there were between 10,000 and 11,000 members affiliated with the Association.

ABSENCE OF LIEUT.-COL. CARRUTHERS.

The following letter was read from Lieut.-Col. Carruthers, Past President of the Winnipeg Association, and Provisional Chairman of the Provisional Board of Directors:

W. J. Tupper, Esq.,
Pres., A. & N. V.,
Trust & Loan Bldg.,
Main St., City.

My dear Mr. Tupper,—

I find that not only am I unable to attend the Decoration Day Parade, but that I will also be debarred from the Convention. The Doctor says that for the present, at least, I must entirely refrain from doing anything that is not absolutely necessary. You will thoroughly appreciate the fact that this is a great disappointment, as for many years I have looked forward to assisting in the formation of the Dominion organization of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada into a solid and harmonious body.

You will be kind enough to express to the Delegates at the Convention the reason of my absence, and give them my sincere wishes for a successful meeting, and that the Foundation Stone of the Dominion Association of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada may be well and truly laid. It is a sincere gratification to me to know that the conduct of the meeting will be under your sane and salutary charge.

Again expressing my regrets that I will not be with the Comrades to assist them in their deliberations, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,
(Signed) G. F. Carruthers.

Moved by Comrade Tupper, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Akerley, Kingston: That the letter of Comrade Lt.-Col. G. F. Carruthers (addressed to Comrade W. J. Tupper) and read at Saturday's opening session, be placed on the minutes of the Convention. Carried.

Moved by Comrade Bourke, Brandon, seconded by Comrade Sampson, Winnipeg: That this Convention go into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Cnostitution, clause by clause. Carried.

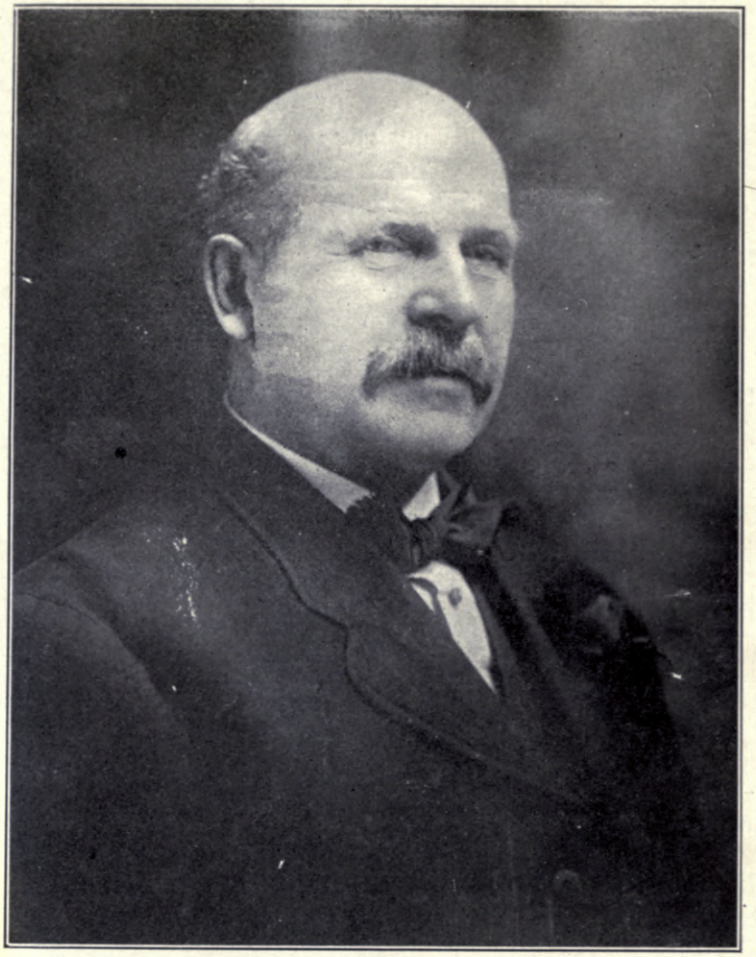
The Convention then went into Committee of the Whole, on the Constitution, Comrade W. J. Tupper, K.C., in the Chair.

Comrade E. R. R. Mills, Ottawa, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution, speaking to the Committee's report, said: "You will notice that we have representatives from every Province in the Dominion, and speaking for them I think I can say that in preparing this draft of the Constitution, those members tried to speak as much as possible for their Provinces. It was soon quite evident, however, that we had to give way to our personal views. This is just a 'draft' so far as we have gone. Comrade Leech's Constitution amounted to 70 pages. We have gone very carefully over it and there is a lot we could not possibly adopt. It would be admirable perhaps in ten years from now, but we feel that we should only legislate for our present difficulties. That is one reason why we cut it down considerably. We have gone over 50 pages and this draft might yet have to be cut down considerably."

It was then decided to read over the Constitution.

To bring the matter under discussion, Comrade Hubbell, Winnipeg, moved, and Comrade Smithson, Ottawa, seconded, the adoption of the Committee's report.

Comrade Evans, Kingston: Before the resolution is put might I say in justice to the work of the Committee that we tried to carve out a



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Constitution fit and proper for this organization for the whole Dominion of Canada. When we get through I think you will feel satisfied that we have tried to do our very best without accepting anything of a cut and dried nature. We felt that it is for this Association to create its whole Constitution and to make that as simple in form as possible. We have already had seven hours at it and if we keep on at the same rate we shall expect to leave your fair city some time before the 12th of July. In justice to the Committee I want to ask you to bear with us. This resolution does not mean the *adoption* of the Constitution so far as we have gone. I can see some changes even in the work we have done, changes which will be in the best interests of the Association at large."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "I understand the Committee has decided finally on the clauses so far as they have gone—?"

COMRADE EVANS, Kingston: "No."

COMRADE LOW: "For the information of the Committee, I see that they have made no reference to the Navy or Air services."

COMRADE EVANS: "That is covered by 'His Majesty's Forces.'

THE CHAIRMAN: "Unless I am mistaken, this is simply a report of what you have done before you have completed your work. These suggestions can be made or alterations adopted and then the whole report adopted?"

COMRADE HUBBELL, Winnipeg: "I move the adoption of the report so that we can discuss it."

COMRADE BOURKE, Brandon: "I move that the Convention go into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the report, clause by clause, so that the Convention will have a chance to know what it is voting upon. It is simply a question of proceeding with the report and adopting it."

The Chairman said if they wanted to do things in an improper manner they must appoint a chairman other than himself.

COMRADE EVANS, Kingston: "I think we will be satisfied with our present Chairman."

THE CHAIRMAN: "I think we had better stick to the parliamentary rules."

Several members in chorus: "Carry on."

DISCUSSION ON CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution was then taken up, clause by clause. A full and complete copy is given at the end of this journal.

The first clause reading, "The Dominion Headquarters of this Association shall be designated by this Convention," went without discussion.

Discussing Clause 2, Comrade Young urged that the word "citizens" should be struck out before the word "organization."

Comrade Gordon, Montreal, replying to Comrade Young, said, "His Majesty's Forces" covered all branches of service.

Clauses 1 and 2 are as follows:

1.—The Dominion Headquarters of this Association shall be as designated by this Convention.

2.—The Association shall be conducted as an Association of Veterans of the Army and Navy and Auxiliary Forces and as a purely democratic body, no member thereof being entitled to rank or priority over any other members of the Association by reason of their having held, or now holding, military or naval commands, appointments or commissions.

DISCUSSION AS TO THE NAME OF THE DOMINION ASSOCIATION.

Comrade Low, Winnipeg: "The name 'Army and Navy Veterans in Canada' has been selected after great deliberation. Any veteran of the British Empire living in Canada is eligible for membership. I object very strongly to making any change in the name."

Comrade Midwinter, Winnipeg: "The charter calls for it."

Controller Midwinter, Winnipeg: "The charter calls for it."

Comrade Bourke, Brandon: "It is not a question of name so much as who constitute the Army and Navy Veterans' Association."

Comrade Evans, Kingston: "It is a question of the composition of the Army and Navy Veterans. It would be more satisfactory if we set forth that the Association shall be conducted as an Association of Army and Navy Veterans, and I see no objection to the inclusion of auxiliary forces."

Comrade Bourke, Brandon: "That will change the name."

Comrade Hay, D.C.M., Winnipeg: "Should it not be British and Allied Forces?"

Comrade Low, Winnipeg: "That is a good point. This is a new country and we will get a lot of emigrants after the war from among the Allied forces, who may be veterans."

Comrade Young, Victoria: "This point is out of order."

The Chairman: "We are not deciding the name or who it is composed of. Our Association is named in the charter. We are already working under it."

The clause was then carried as found in the revised charter.

MEMBERSHIP.

The clauses on membership read:

3.—The membership of the Association shall consist of three kinds:—

(*a*) Active Membership.
(*b*) Associate Membership.
(*c*) Honorary Membership.

Active Membership.

4.—The active membership shall be the qualified, effective and governing membership of the Association and any active member in good standing shall have the right to vote on any question being considered by the Association.

5.—To qualify for active membership of the Association the candidate must be one who has either received a medal for service in His Majesty's Forces, or shall have served at least six years aggregate service in the regular forces, or nine years aggregate service in the Active Militia or Auxiliary Forces of the Empire, and shall be of good character.

PROVIDED that all members of the Overseas Forces from Canada, and all men enlisted for service to the Empire, in the present great European War who shall while on duty in such service have been within some theatre of the war or being enlisted outside the British Isles shall have gone to England while on duty in such service shall provisionally be deemed to have received medals as aforesaid until such times as such medals are formally awarded. This proviso, however, shall not apply (*a*) to men who went only to England; (*b*) men who did not go to the front in France or in some other theatre of war on duty in such service, unless they produce satisfactory evidence that without fault of their own they were prevented from so going to France, or other theatre of war; (*c*) nor to men who have been dismissed from any such forces for misconduct.

Honorary Membership.

6.—The honorary membership shall consist of such persons as the Association or any units thereof may elect to become honorary members of their respective bodies thereof.

PROVIDED, however, that the Association shall have power only to elect such honorary members to the Association at large.

7.—The honorary membership shall be restricted in its numbers to a very limited few to the end that it may be more highly appreciated as a mark of distinguished honor by the parties upon whom it is conferred.

Associate Membership.

8.—An "Associate" member shall be any man who has seen service in His Majesty's Forces and who is not eligible to "active" membership in this Association.

9.—An associate member shall not have the right to vote at any meeting of the Association or of any of its units, or to be

elected to any Executive office, but may be selected to act on any special committees of a unit. Provided that the majority of such committees shall consist of active members of the Association.

A long discussion arose on membership, nearly every delegate expressing himself. The clause, as finally adopted, provides for three kinds of membership, active, associate, and honorary.

COMRADE CURTIS, Winnipeg: "I should very much like to know if there are not some active members of the Association who have not been to the front, and some who have not been out of Canada. They are carrying on the work in some of the Associations. What are we going to do with them?"

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "That is covered later on."

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Comrade Beck, Regina, introduced the discussion on active membership.

COMRADE CURTIS, Winnipeg: "What are we going to do with the members of the Associations who at the present time are doing service in the Association as 'active' members, but who will now be disqualified as such? Are we going to tell them they are only just 'associate' members; I mean the members who have not been overseas?"

COMRADE MILLS, Ottawa: "I think we should consider this not retroactive, and say that this only applies to such a date as we may set. Anyone in now, can then stay in on their previous qualifications."

COMRADE CURTIS: "It will not affect any large numbers."

COMRADE HUBBELL: "There are very few in our branch."

Clause 5, dealing with associate membership, was next considered for a time, the members afterward going back to a general discussion of all classes of membership.

COMRADE SAMPSON: "I think it should be made to cover simply 'His Majesty's Forces.' Are the Royal Northwest Mounted Police included?"

COMRADE POWELL, Port Arthur: "The words 'and other auxiliary forces in other parts of the Empire' should be added."

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "The R.N.W.M.P. is an auxiliary force to the permanent forces in Canada. They have their authority under the Militia Act. They got that authority when they got the 'Royal.'"

COMRADE EVANS, Kingston: "Why not add 'in the same' to 'His Majesty's Forces'?"

COMRADE MCNAMARA, Winnipeg: "The Royal Northwest men only serve three years. The six year term should be changed to three if you want to include them." (The Constitution as proposed gave the R.N.W.M.P. 6 years' service before eligibility for membership).

COMRADE CROSS, Montreal: "It should be six years in the Imperials and nine years in the volunteers."

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "No man can be a veteran in three years unless he has seen a war. I went to England in this war, but if I had not been in the army many years before that and had called myself a 'veteran,' my father would have kicked the head off me. We are not like some who want to call themselves veterans. We want to be what we say we are."

COMRADE GORDON, Montreal: "This thing has got to be considered—we will have to take care of the future; I mean the men who are in the army now."

COMRADE SMITHSON, Ottawa: "The Judge-Advocate-General in Ottawa has ruled that the permanent forces in Ottawa have been increased away over strength by the enlistment of C.E.F. clerks. A good many went in to escape conscription and are holding 'cushy' jobs in Canada. They have the privilege of buying themselves out at the end of a year. They cannot call themselves a 'veteran,' but they have been doing it a month after they have come out. The Judge rules these men 'permanent forces.' These men, some of them, clerks, have never gone on a parade, never done a drill; they got into the uniform, but does that make them a 'veteran'? (Cries of 'No'). We have had men at Ottawa with two years' service apply for membership, but we have turned them down."

COMRADE CURTIS, Winnipeg: "I think we ought to define what a 'veteran' is. I would like to see this Association go the same way as in the Old Country, where they have to be *real* veterans. We know these men who went to England, their heart is in the right place. Those who could not go over to France would *like* to have gone over, still they cannot come to this Association and call themselves 'veterans.' If we must keep the name Army and Navy Veterans, let us have *real* veterans."

COMRADE ROTHWELL, Ottawa: "I have seen forty men in naval uniform at Ottawa, in the naval department, some the sons of wealthy and prominent men. In my humble opinion they were put there to *escape conscription*. They hold mates' certificates, etc., and yet they could not navigate a *bum-boat*, if you know what that is."

COMRADE CROSS, Montreal: "In the desire to define a veteran we must remember that we have members who have done 21 years' service. I have seen more service than most of those present except some of the older members. Take members who enlisted in 1914 and have done two years in this war, I certainly believe that they should become members of this Association." (Hear, hear).

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "They *are* covered. A veteran means anything. A man who has done two years in this campaign certainly deserves to be a member of this Association. A man who has been five minutes in the trenches, are you going to stop him? He is a *veteran*, but a man should do six years in the permanent forces here before he can be called a veteran."

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COMRADE WHEELER, Winnipeg: "I have had 38½ years' service and out of that 17 years on active service. I have lost two boys and I have another over there, and if I had 50 sons and they would not go, I would *drown them*. I agree with our friend, Akerley, that a man who has been three minutes in the trenches in this war is a 'welting' good *veteran*. The men who have been in the Dardanelles or at Suvia Bay, or in any of those battles five minutes are *veterans* of the *best* possible kind.

COMRADE STAGG, Calgary: "All this is covered by the fact that the man receives a medal."

COMRADE RILEY, Regina: "What about the R.N.W.M.P.? Some of them enlisted for three years over twenty years ago."

COMRADE AKERLEY: "Most of them are old 'sweats'—like me. Anyway, their service is covered by the aggregate."

COMRADE WHEELER, Winnipeg: "What is going to become of the man who enlisted in this war, went over to England, and through no fault of his own, could go no further?"

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "Somebody is going to get hit by *all* laws."

COMRADE RILEY, Regina: "The Great War Veterans are admitting men who only went to England. They are soon going to admit veterans of *all* wars."

COMRADE POWELL, Port Arthur: "That is a fact."

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "They are going to take in a man if he has been in the army five minutes and had the clothes on. Let them do it, but do not let us take in anybody that has only looked into a barrack gate to see the soldiers drilling. I am a member of their organization. They have no charter; let them 'go to it.' "

COMRADE EVANS, Kingston: "I ask for a poll vote and a representative vote."

Finally a standing vote was decided upon. Fifty-five delegates stood up for the six year term and six against.

The next clause considered was the nine year clause in the active militia.

COMRADE YOUNG, Victoria: "I move that that be changed to 21 years. That would be fair in proportion."

COMRADE JENKINS, Weyburn: "Might I ask if it is the intention to reduce to associate rank those members who cannot qualify for the six years?" (No.) "I cannot see that this action will be consistent. If you are going to retain 'active' members with qualifications *less* than you are now asking, you are going to raise argument and dissatisfaction all round."

COMRADE GORDON, Montreal: "A man doing 9 years aggregate does not do more than 234 days, a man who does 21 years does 546 days. He does not do two years' full service. A regular man doing six years does 2,190 days."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "That is hardly a fair comparison."

THE CHAIRMAN: "I have been many years in the service, including some time in the Governor-General's Foot Guards, and some days I did not do two minutes' work."

COMRADE WHEELER, Winnipeg: "I am in favor of the nine years' clause."

The nine years' clause was then agreed upon, three voting against.

Clause 5 in the Constitution was then discussed again.

COMRADE SAMPSON, Winnipeg: "What about service in the Allied forces?"

THE CHAIRMAN: "As to character, let that be from a military standpoint."

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "When a candidate comes before his unit, they know his character before he is taken in."

The session adjourned at 12.15.

AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 13th.

The Convention reassembled at 2.15.

The Chairman then asked Comrade Evans, Kingston, to take the chair, the invitation being accepted. Comrade Major Rothwell, before leaving the chair, stated that the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Winnipeg Association had provided tea for delegates at the headquarters near the Convention Hall.

Moved by Comrade Burke, Brandon, seconded by Comrade Meacham, Winnipeg: That the Committee rise and report progress and ask leave to sit again to deal with the Constitution, clause by clause. Carried.

COMRADE RILEY, Regina: "I do not know whether I will be in order, but the delegates from Saskatchewan wish to have Clause 5 taken up again. We wish to have the R.N.W.M.P. made 3 years for active membership."

THE CHAIRMAN: "I would suggest that that could be taken up when we consider the Constitution as a whole."

COMRADE RILEY, Regina: "It is no fault of their own that the members of the R.N.W.M.P. are not in France. They volunteered at the opening of the war."

COMRADE JENKINS, Weyburn: "I should like to know just what is meant by 'satisfactory evidence' that these men did not go to France who went to England. A number of these men would not have very much evidence to show that it was no fault of their own that they did not get to France. I think it has been very well known that a number of old men were recruited in Canada when it was shown that they would not be fit for active service. So many hundreds of them have been returned to Canada as unfit. What is to be called satisfactory evidence?"

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "That is a matter which has caused a great deal of discussion in Winnipeg. We had a great deal of reluctance in taking these men into our Association as active members. We waited for a decision from the British War Office declaring that Great Britain was considered as being in the war zone, and, on that declaration being made, we accepted these men as active members, as they were ready to go to the front. We have had cases of men who have been to England and were severely wounded in Zeppelin raids. I think the man who has been to England under such circumstances should be regarded the same as a man who has been to France."

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "He is as good as the man who has been to Paris. I know lots of men who have been to Paris and got a good job, with no more danger than in England, and yet they can say they have been to France."

COMRADE CURTIS, Winnipeg: "I want to support Regina for the R.N.W.M.P. They are a good body of men and running all the dangers there is as police."

COMRADE POOLEY, Vancouver: "In Vancouver the Association is recognizing the R.N.W.M.P., those who are carrying decorations and those who are enlisted for the full term, as they *all* are. They are under orders at the present time and have volunteered for active service overseas. If it comes to a pinch they will be ready to take their part with the rest of us. We have admitted, up to now, those who are carrying decorations, but we are waiting to see what this Convention does before admitting the R.N.W.M.P. to active membership in the future."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "With what length of service?"

COMRADE POOLEY, Vancouver: "Whatever their length of service is, we have figured they are entiled to it."

COMRADE TENNANT, Winnipeg: "This six or three years has not yet been thoroughly thrashed out, as I understand it."

COMRADE HAY, D.C.M., Winnipeg: "With regard to the Mounted Police, I should like to see, if you admit them, the Natal Police, the Bechuana Police, Cape Police, and other similar corps, who have to do three years, included. They are part of the regular army and the three years' limit is for the regular army, as I understand it."

THE CHAIRMAN: "I think the Committee on Constitution should take the hint and attempt to meet the situation." (Hear, hear).

COMRADE MAJOR MORRISON, Winnipeg: "Speaking as to the "satisfactory evidence," I think that is *very* necessary. No officer went to England who could not go to France if he *wanted* to. All he had to do was to revert. I went with the first, and I have seen lots of officers in London with 'cushy' jobs there. I do not think they are entitled to join as active members. The men are in a different position, having no choice. I say, as an officer who has been out there three years, that there is not one single one who wants to go to France who cannot do so."

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "An officer who could not go to France through no fault of his own might be the man who has been an officer in England 15 or 20 years and has had as many years' service. Still he has not gone to France. They could join us because they have had six years' service. I know others who have gone to England from my own corps and no further. But if you hit one you hit the other."

COMRADE BOURKE, Brandon: "A clause that does not come into this, is that in respect to the men who have been retained as instructors in Canada. They have been taken out of the different units, these boys, just before their units left for overseas and were not allowed to go overseas. They have drilled thousands of young men and are still held as instructors. Some of these instructors went through the Halifax disaster and were hurt more or less. They are doing a larger work than lots of men in England and are entitled to *some* consideration from this Convention."

COMRADE YOUNG, Victoria: "These men will be looked after in Clause 4. They will get a medal as instructors, even if they are instructing militia forces."

COMRADE BOURKE, Brandon: "I take it these men will receive a decoration?"

COMRADE YOUNG, Victoria: "Yes."

COMRADE BOURKE, Brandon: "I did not understand it that way."

THE CHAIRMAN: "The provision stands."

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

COMRADE YOUNG, Victoria, after the clause covering this point (Clause 6 of the Constitution) had been read, said: "I move that this be taken en bloc."

THE CHAIRMAN: "It might be in order, perhaps, that the Dominion Association shall only be able to elect these members itself. Honorary members for the local unit may be elected by the local unit."

COMRADE HUBBELL, Winnipeg: "Will they have a chance to hold the floor or address a meeting?"

THE CHAIRMAN: Only on invitation, and as the privilege may be extended to them."

COMRADE SAMPSON, Winnipeg: "Would they be able to become active members?"

THE CHAIRMAN: "Oh, yes! if they can qualify. It would be well to remember the proviso, that the number be made as restricted as possible to the end that it may be more highly appreciated as a mark of distinguished honour by the parties upon whom it is conferred."

Clauses 8 and 9 were carried, without discussion, except an answer by the Chairman to Comrade Riley, Regina, that the associate members would not have the right to vote except as members of a special committee to which they might be appointed by their local unit.

Clauses 10, 11, and 12 were also carried without discussion. They read as follows:

THE ASSOCIATION IN CONVENTION.

10.—The directing body of the Association as provided in Section 4 of the Act of Incorporation, shall be known as the *Convention* of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada and shall meet annually at such time and place as the Convention may from time to time decide.

CONVENTION.

11.—There shall be a directing body of the Association to be known as "*The Convention of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada,*" which shall meet in annual Convention.

12.—The said Convention shall consist of Delegates elected from the Units of the Association.

Clause 13 read as follows:

13.—Each Unit shall be entitled to be represented by a Delegate for every one hundred members in good standing it shall have, until such Unit shall have reached a membership of two thousand, after which it shall be entitled to only one Delegate for every five hundred of a membership in good standing over two thousand.

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "There is no stipulation as to when that computation shall be made."

COMRADE STEWART, Yorkton: "I would suggest that with regard to this clause that the number 100 be reduced to 75 or for every fraction thereof, and that when a membership has reached over 2,000 that 500 shall be the number for each extra delegate."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "Why discriminate against the larger Associations? This is supposed to be a democratic body and size and membership should rule. Why discriminate against the large Associations and fine them for increasing their membership as a whole by reducing their voting strength? There should be some date fixed as to when the figures should be computed, as we fixed May 1 for the present Convention. The date should be fixed at the first of the month in which the Convention is to be held.

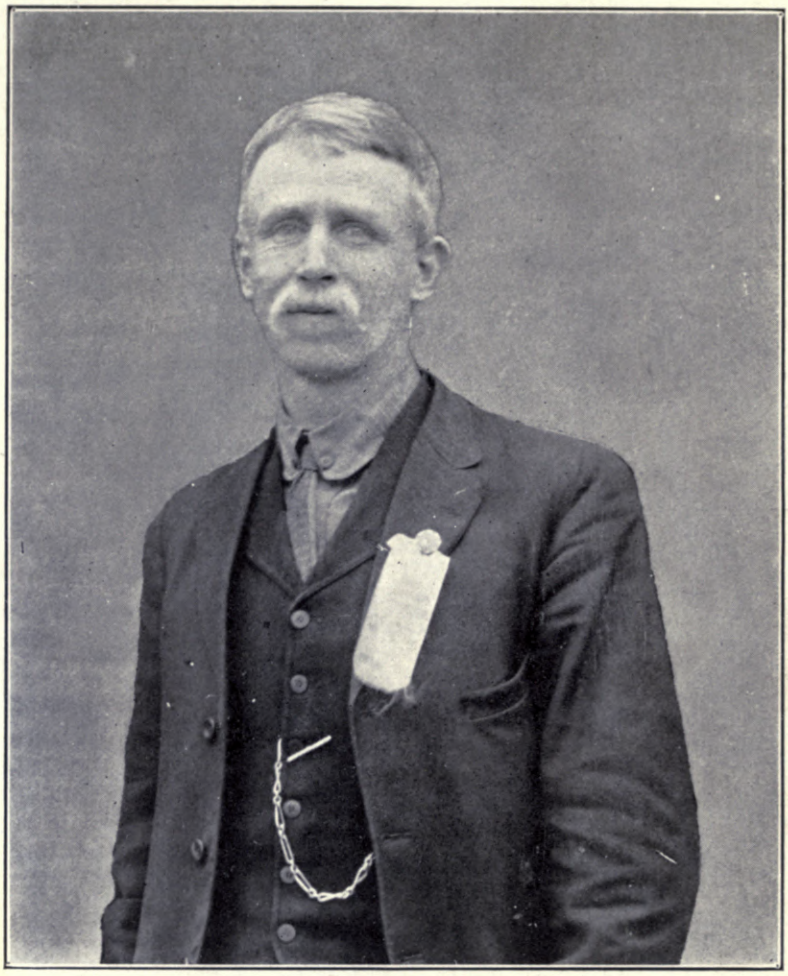
COMRADE STEWART, Yorkton: "There is no provision for the units with less than 75 members. That is taxation without representation."

THE CHAIRMAN: "There is only taxation per capita, so that there could not be taxation without representation."

COMRADE SMITHSON, Ottawa: "As I understand this article, this means that for units with one up to one hundred. A unit with only 20 members has a right to a delegate."

COMRADE STEWART, Yorkton: "It does not say that."

COMRADE STAGG, Calgary: "I move that the words 'or necessary fraction thereof' be added."



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COMRADE MILLS, Ottawa: "That was intended to be put in by the Committee. It was omitted purely through error."

The clause was then carried as amended above.

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "I move that the time for computing membership for voting purposes, be the first of the month during which the Convention is held." Carried.

Clauses 14 to 22, inclusive, were then carried without dissent. They read:

14.—Such members assembled in Convention shall be the supreme governing body of the Association and shall have power to enact, amend and repeal laws for the management, order and good government of the Association and all its subordinate units.

15.—The Convention shall have power by resolution to pass rules and orders regulating its own proceedings and to amend, repeal or suspend the same from time to time and where no such rules or orders are passed governing any procedure, the rules, orders and usages of the House of Commons of Canada shall in so far as applicable, be made to govern. Provided that no such rule or order shall be amended, repealed or suspended except by vote of at least two-thirds of the members present.

16.—The Convention during its session shall be presided over by the President of the Association, the Vice-President, or in the absence or incapacity of both of these, by an elected Chairman.

17.—All measures of a permanent character passed by the Convention shall be in writing and shall become binding on the Association only after passing a first reading of the Convention, having been referred to and reported on by a Committee appointed to deal with such measure and having afterwards passed a second reading and received the assent of the Convention.

18.—No motions amending the Constitution of the Association shall be presented to the Convention unless notice of motion to present such amendment stating the nature of the proposed amendment shall have been given in the notice calling the Convention ,or unless the Convention by two-thirds vote dispenses with the necessity of such notice.

19.—No amendment to the Constitution shall be deemed to have been carried unless at the final reading it is sustained by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members assembled in Convention.

CALLING CONVENTION.

20.—Notification of the time and place of all sittings of the Convention shall be given by the General Secretary by a notice in writing to the various units of the Association not less than thirty nor more than sixty days before the assembling of the

Convention, by mailing such notices addressed to the Secretaries of such Units.

21.—In all proceedings in the Convention each member shall have one vote in his own right and one for each proxy held by him and where not otherwise provided by Constitution or by-law any motion or resolution supported by the vote of a clear majority of those present shall be deemed to be carried. In case of an equality vote the occupant of the chair shall have the casting vote.

WAYS AND MEANS.

22.—The Convention shall have power to make a per capita levy upon all units for funds for the support and maintenance of Headquarters.

23.—At each Convention, the Treasurer shall furnish a complete financial statement showing a general summary of receipts and expenditures covering the period since the preceding statement and showing assets and liabilities of the Headquarters of the Association up to the end of the last financial year, supplemented as far as convenient by a provisional statement up to the date of opening of the Convention.

The next discussion arose on clause 24, which reads as follows:

24.—The Treasurer shall also furnish estimated expenditures for the ensuing year, showing ways and means by which such expenditures are to be met. After the Convention has passed such estimate, each Unit shall be notified of the amount it shall contribute during the next ensuing year and shall pay its assessment within 90 days of notification by the Secretary, provided, In case a longer period than one year should elapse between Conventions, the Dominion Executive shall prepare supplementary estimates from time to time as it shall deem advisable of the anticipated expenditures until Convention shall assemble and shall apportion such expenditure in the same manner as the Convention could do.

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "For some years it will be very difficult for the Treasurer to make that estimate, and if the executive of the convention has the power to issue an estimate on a statement of that sort and find out that such estimate is not sufficient for the needs of the Association, there is no provision to provide for further funds."

THE CHAIRMAN: "The intention of the Committee is to consider the treasurer as the servant of the executive committee. They will tell him what to do. He is part and parcel of the Dominion organization and the executive will devise ways and means and say what funds are necessary. The estimates he will furnish will be based on the recommendations as made by the executive committee."

The clause was then carried.

COMRADE MILLS, Ottawa: "This clause was only put in to cover any contingencies that may arise. We hope that nothing will."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "It would be better covered by a provision."

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "I belong to another organization in Ontario, the constitution of which calls for an annual meeting. There will be no meeting of its Grand Lodge this year, to save funds to send comforts to the boys in the trenches. This provision will meet such things as that."

COMRADE MILLS, Ottawa: "Might I suggest that the two clauses be combined?"

It was then decided to combine the two clauses which read as given above.

THE CHAIRMAN: "That is our Constitution as far as we have gone."

COMRADE BOURKE, Brandon: "I move that we rise and report progress and ask leave to sit again."

COMRADE MEACHAM, Winnipeg: I second. This was carried and the committee rose and reported.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Comrade Mills, Ottawa; seconded by Comrade Post, Greenridge: "That there be a Committee on Resolutions composed of two representatives from each province, and that the representatives be chosen by the delegates from the province." Carried.

The delegates from the various provinces met and appointed the following to represent them on the Committee on Resolutions:

Alberta: Comrade Stagg, Calgary.

British Columbia: Comrade E. A. Pooley, Vancouver.

Saskatchewan: Comrade F. Williams, Regina and H. W. Purvis, Yorkton.

Quebec: Comrade C. H. Cross, Montreal.

Manitoba: Comrade J. F. Tennant, Winnipeg and Thos. Lee of Brandon.

Ontario: Comrade Smithson of Ottawa and Comrade Akerley of Kingston.

THE CHAIRMAN: "Any member of the Convention having a resolution to be considered can hand it in to the committee."

APPRECIATION

Referring to the Decoration Day parade of veterans on Sunday, May 12, Comrade Bourke, Brandon, eulogised the people of Winnipeg for the magnificent way in which they had turned out in a mass of over 75 thousand persons to witness the affair, also mentioning the various elements which had contributed to the success of the undertaking. He moved the following resolution, seconded by Comrade Lee, Brandon:

That the Delegates of the Army and Navy Veterans in Convention assembled, express their appreciation of the patriotic action of every organization which participated in the fine parade of yesterday. The Civic authorities, police force, Press and District Staff and Great War Veterans deserve special mention for their hearty co-operation.

Carried with applause.

At this stage the Chairman announced that on Tuesday afternoon an address would be given to the comrades by the Hon. Robert Rogers, former M. P. for Winnipeg and Ex-Minister of Public Works in the Dominion Cabinet.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Moved by Comrade Mills, Ottawa, seconded by Comrade McNamara, Winnipeg: That a Ways and Means Committee of five be appointed by the Convention. Carried.

THE CHAIRMAN: "We have a great many 'ways' and we will require a great many 'means.' This committee will have to map out the activities of the organization between now and the next convention. Let us try to make the machinery as simple as possible by appointing not too large a committee, and yet a committee that will take in all the provinces represented. The men on this committee should be men of experience who will act as the beacon lights of the organization for the next year

COMRADE MURDOCH, Winnipeg: We are now a Dominion organization. I hope all provincial lines will be cast aside. We are one body from the Atlantic to the Pacific. I think if your suggestion, Mr. Chairman, were carried out and have a committee, say of three, four or five, it would cut out provincial lines entirely.

During the nominatioons, Comrades Holman, Winnipeg, Bourke Brandon, offered to withdraw. Each were eulogised, Comrade Hubbell insisting that Comrade Holman stay in the list. This course was agreed upon.

The following were nominated: Comrade Evans, Kingston; Comrade Crawford, Neepawa; Comrade Holman, Winnipeg; Comrade Irving, Winnipeg; Comrade Beck, Regina; Comrade Bourke, Brandon; Comrade Hubbell, Winnipeg.

The Chair appointed Comrade Pooley, of Vancouver, and Comrade Simpson, of Winnipeg, as tellers.

The vote was as follows:

Comrade	Evans	49
"	Crawford	35
"	Holman	51
"	Irving	33
"	Beck	43
"	Bourke	21
"	Hubbell	33

There being a tie between Comrades Irving and Hubbell, the Chairman cast his vote for Comrade Irving, the following being declared elected:

Comrades Evans, Crawford, Holman, Beck, and Irving.

ARMY AND NAVY OVERSEAS UNIT

Comrade Beck, Regina, gave a very interesting account of how the Labor and Construction unit which is shortly to go overseas under the auspices of the Army and Navy Veterans, came into existence. The idea, he said, originated in Regina, from which city a letter was sent to the Minister of Militia at Ottawa, also a letter to the Governor-General and a third one to Sir Robert Borden, stating that the Army and Navy Veterans of Saskatchewan were prepared to raise a labor company all to be members of the A. & N. V. and all to be men of previous military experience and able to ride, shoot and be ready to take the field at a moment's notice. The Duke of Devonshire sent a reply thanking them for their noble offer, adding that he would recommend the offer to the Minister of Militia. Sir Robert Borden replied on the same terms, saying he would press upon the Minister of Militia. The Minister of Militia then wrote a letter saying he thought it was a capital idea and he would be very pleased to accept the offer, but being so far away from Ottawa matters would take quite a lot of arrangements owing to details. He also asked them to take up the matter in detail with headquarters of Military District 12 in Regina. They interviewed the G. O. C. and it was decided that they immediately send out notices to the various branches throughout the province asking them to send in the names of men who would volunteer for this company. A little later on it was arranged that the scope of the company should be enlarged to embrace the four western provinces, Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Manitoba. The Minister allowed the age limit to be raised from 42 to 50 years, allowing a good many of the older veterans in. It was understood that some officers would be recommended from each of the various branches, who would come to Regina, but all officers must be qualified engineers. The company would be ready to do railway construction work or similar duties. They received permission to increase the company to a battalion, if possible. At first there was some talk of the possibility of the idea falling down. but everything which had been previously undertaken by the Army and Navy Veterans had always been a success. They did not want to fall down now so he thought it would be better if they said they were going to raise a company and try another company, finishing up by a full battalion to present to Ottawa. For a time they got into the position that they could do nothing further at Ottawa. Meanwhile they were getting letters every day from all parts of Saskatchewan and British Columbia from men willing and ready to join. They had recommended Comrade Capt. T. A. Underwood, of Weyburn, A. & N. V., as organizer and his name had been submitted to Ottawa. A wire had been received confirming the appointment and he, the speaker, hoped the recruiting office would be opened on the morrow in Regina. He asked the representatives from other provinces to see that an officer was recommended so that recruiting could go ahead in each of the other three provinces. He felt certain that the success of the plan was already assured.

H. E BECK
Regina, Saskatchewan
Provincial Vice-President

Comrade Wheeler, Winnipeg, expressed his pleasure at Comrade Beck's announcement. He was very glad to know the Army and Navy Veterans had started the ball rolling in this, as in other praiseworthy objects. He was sure that a man at 50 was just as good as the youngster of 25. "I weigh just about 265 pounds, but I will go as the first volunteer from Winnipeg as Sergt.-Major or any other position they like to give me," he said, amid applause.

Comrade Stagg, Calgary, said he was "tickled to death" that the company had now been officially formed. He had heard many men ask "When the —— is this company going to be formed." They had 47 men waiting in Calgary for a communication from some one.

Comrade Riley, Regina, said he had written every Secretary in Saskatchewan and the West, and it must be the fault of the local Secretary if the members were not advised.

After a satirical reference by Comrade Stagg to the Secretary at Calgary, other Comrades spoke on the Battalion.

Comrade Pooley, Vancouver, said that when they received the communication in Vancouver they took the matter up actively. They had made provision to care for recruits in the regimental headquarters in the city until such time as the men could be sent forward to Regina.

The Chairman, in the name of Kingston, offered one complete company composed of men all of whom were wearing ribbons. He was sure that while the West could do its part so nobly they in the east would also respond in a worthy manner.

Comrade Beck, Regina, said they had the assurance that the battalion would go as far as England as a unit, but further than that its disposition could not be guaranteed.

Comrade Riley, Regina, asked the delegates to keep in touch with Regina, which had been officially recognized as headquarters for this battalion. They wished to know how the other provinces were progressing.

The Chairman remarked that he thought the question of headquarters should be left to the Minister of Militia.

It was stated that the mobilization would likely take place in Winnipeg.

A scene of great excitement greeted the resolution which pledged the convention to raise a battalion. Every delegate present stood up and loudly replied "Aye" when the Chairman asked, "All in favor of this motion." On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided that the Secretary wire the Minister of Militia immediately advising him of the vote.

The motion, moved by Comrade Stagg, Calgary, and seconded by Comrade Cross, Montreal, read as follows: "That this annual Convention now assembled, pledge their society to raise a Labor Battalion, for duties in any part of His Majesty's Dominion, and that the Secretary wire the Minister of Militia to that effect." Carried.

At this point Comrade H. G. Hubbell, of Winnipeg, took the Chair to permit Comrade Evans to attend a meeting of the Committee on Constitution.

Moved by Comrade Macnamara, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade McGiffin, Winnipeg: That this Association in Convention assembled, approach the Dominion Parliament with a view to passing such restricting legislation as shall protect the dependents of soldiers Overseas from hardship occasioned by the increase of rents, during the war.

Moved by Comrade Wheeler, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Wasdell, Winnipeg: That the thanks of this Convention be given to our Local Army and Navy Band, and that the thanks of the Convention be specially tendered to Comrade Hamilton, the gifted and skilled Bandmaster, and also the Convention will put it on record that all our Bandsmen are old service men, many of them having fought on different Fronts in this war.

These resolutions were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

TRIBUTE TO BRAVE WOMEN

Comrade Jenkins, Weyburn: "I am going to take the opportunity of introducing another matter here. While at work for ourselves and our men and in doing honor to the living as well as the dead, we have completely overlooked the women, children, and the widows. We are completely out of touch with them at the present moment. I would like to introduce that matter just at this time with a view of bringing it up later, hoping that somebody who is a great deal more able than myself will do justice to this subject and enlarge upon it."

The Chairman: "I think that is thoroughly in line at this Convention. I think the Convention should handle it. I feel like you do upon it. If we have a "silver-tongued" orator, and I believe we have, he will probably speak to us on it."

Comrade Akerley, Kingston: "I know a 'silver-tongued' orator and he comes from Kingston. Dr. Evans is not here just now, but he will be glad to speak upon it.

MORE DISCUSSION ON MEMBERSHIP

The Comrades then went back to a discussion on membership.

Comrade Curtis, Winnipeg: "One thing this Convention will have to fight out is that Clause 5. I cannot see quite clear on it and I want the delegates to understand just what it means. I think that the men who are holding positions in the Association and doing active work that they shauld become 'associate' and not remain 'active' members. Now, we have been organized as a Dominion Association. I know it will hurt somebody. They are doing good work, but what will others say when they come to join and find these men active members?"

Comrade Akerley, Kingston: "Something will have to be done to cover this. It will not be fair, take in the case of Kingston, to take away the vote from these men who have worked hard for their Association.

They have been ready, however, to let it go until this Convention met. They are not expecting that they will take an active part such as they have been taking. They are good fellows. The matter will be thrashed out before the Constitution is finally adopted and whatever the Constitution says we will have to abide by it."

THE CHAIRMAN: "I don't see how we are going to make this Constitution perfect all at once. These things will work themselves out."

COMRADE JENKINS, Weyburn: "It will be in the small branches that the shoe will pinch. Prominent citizens have come into these small branches and helped to keep them going. Other prominent citizens have come along and said, "That man is not a veteran." If we are going to retain these men then we are going to be subject to a great deal of criticism from the outside public and the question will be asked, is this a veterans' association or a citizens' reception committee?"

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "How did they become 'active' members in the first place?"

COMRADE JENKINS, Weyburn: "In our struggle to organize. I plead guilty to carelessness in admitting applicants. We have men with less than a year's service. The conditions should be remedied and here is the place to do it."

COMRADE CURTIS, Winnipeg: "This is the time it has got to be done for *all* branches. Let the 'active' members take their places."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "I admit that under the new qualifications some would be retired to the status of 'associate' members. I expect we have all been a little too lax in the past in that respect."

COMRADE LYTLE, Portage la Prairie: "I presume all branches had copies of the original by-laws and constitution. If they did not live up to them, how will they be asked to live up to our *new* ones. In Portage we have turned down men right and left. We know cases where these men have come to Winnipeg and got their buttons as 'active' members."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "There must have been some misrepresentation on their part."

COMRADE LYTLE, Portage la Prairie: "It is up to the Executive to live up to the Constitution. Unless we do this we will never be anything more than we are to-day. A few years ago we formed the Army and Navy Veterans in Winnipeg. Night after night we worked at it. We took three nights to decide what a 'veteran' was, and even then we came to no conclusion. It is just the same way here, and if you do not draw the line *somewhere* we will never get to an end."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "Our membership is scattered. Now we have a Dominion organization, the area can be limited. We must also adopt a system of transfer of membership from one unit to another."

COMRADE HARDISTY, Winnipeg: "How did they get in? They should take an oath."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "We usually go by their discharge papers. Personally, I never take an 'associate' member until I am satis-

fied by seeing his discharge papers; that is, if he claims to have been honorably discharged."

COMRADE LYTLE, Portage: "The Constitution calls for a committee to pass on membership. If every branch would make the committee do its duty by electing men who will attend then there would be no trouble."

COMRADE CROSS, Montreal: "We have been organized 15 years at Montreal. We always insist on seeing discharge papers. That is the only safe way. When we have written the Old Country for a man's papers or about him we have always received a prompt reply. Before the war I often got a reply inside three weeks."

COMRADE TENNANT, Winnipeg: "If any members have come to us from Portage after being turned down there, it is unknown to us. Vancouver had an applicant whom they refused and he wrote to us. We left it to them and would not interfere. Speaking in defence of the Committee of Membership, it was their duty at Portage to notify us of such a case and our Executive would sustain them."

COMRADE WHEELER, Winnipeg: "As one of the Membership Committee I might say we have turned down many men in Winnipeg, but if a man comes from Portage with a fairy tale, we cannot get at the back of any man's mind, especially if he presents papers which purport to be bona-fide. I don't know of any such case from Portage, but if there was any it was up to Portage to let us know. It would then be taken up and reported back. With regard to entrance, I admit we have been a little too lax. I would like to see a proper initiation at monthly meetings and the oath of obligation, first and foremost to the King and Flag of the country in which he lives. There are other organizations to which I belong which are of a world-wide scope and all have their oath of obligation and up-to-date initiation, and that is what we must have.

It now being 5.15, the session adjourned.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

MORNING SESSION—TUESDAY, MAY 14th

The Convention was called to order at 10.10, the National Anthem being sung.

Comrade Major Rothwell, Ottawa, took the Chair.

Roll Call showed that about 70 Comrades were in attendance.

The minutes of Monday's proceedings were read and confirmed.

Moved by Comrade Evans, Kingston, seconded by Comrade Wheeler, Winnipeg: "That we go into Committee of the Whole to consider the Constitution clause by clause." Carried.

The Secretary read the following telegram:

"E. W. Low, Secretary, A. & N. V., 312 Main St., Winnipeg:

"Montreal sends greetings for an enjoyable and successful meeting."

J. A. EDWARDS, *President.*

The reading of this cordial message was received with cheers and was ordered spread on the Minutes of the Convention.

COMRADE TUPPER, Winnipeg: "Before going into Committee of the Whole, I want to again suggest that any resolution which any Comrade wishes to have dealt with by this Convention should be handed into the Resolution Committee and it will be dealt with more promptly by the Committee, also more properly."

THE CHAIRMAN: "Certainly, Comrade Tupper."

COMRADE STAGG, Calgary: "On behalf of the Committee, might I ask the Comrades to remember that if they have some other resolution which they think might have some good in it, such resolutions will be considered after the regular resolutions.

COMRADE TUPPER, Winnipeg: "That is quite satisfactory. We are getting wiser all the time. The reason I suggested that, was to give a little leeway to the Committee. I would move: 'That the Dominion Government be asked to set apart a day in the year to be observed as a National Memorial Day, on which Canadians might honor the memory of those who have fought and bled and died for Canada and the Empire.' Any remarks I might wish to make on this subject are covered in the Winnipeg *Telegram.*' "

Comrade Tupper then handed in the following clipping, taken from the Winnipeg *Telegram*:

A NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY

"Decoration Day has for over thirty years been an institution in Winnipeg. It commemorates the first campaign in which Winnipeg troops took part, and its date is the anniversary of the decisive battle fought in that campaign—the Battle of Batoche.

Since that time Winnipeg troops have distinguished themselves on the field of battle in South Africa; and in the present war more local troops are at the front than were engaged in the whole operations in the '85 rebellion.

Decoration Day is too local an occasion. Its significance is almost lost in the great events which throng upon us in these days of a world-war.

It is about time that a nation-wide movement for a Dominion Decoration Day were inaugurated. The Dominion Government might very well set apart a day which might for all time be observed as Memorial Day, on which Canadians might honor the memory of those men who have fought, bled and died for Canada and the Empire.

The resolution was adopted.

COMRADE ROTHWELL, Ottawa: "I hope that Decoration Day will include the decoration of graves of the Fenian Raid veterans."

COMRADE TUPPER, Winnipeg: "It will cover *all* veterans."

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Moved by Comrade Tupper, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Young, Victoria: "That the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada will cordially support the Dominion Government in the vigorous prosecution of the war, until an enduring peace can be obtained on honorable terms; and will cheerfully submit to every privation that may be required of them, by our Government, for the accomplishments of this object, and that this resolution be telegraphed at once by the Secretary to Premier Borden."

Comrade Evans, Kingston: "That should be sent, Mr. Chairman, in the form of a wire to Ottawa."

Comrade Tupper, Winnipeg, next read a resolution asking that all men in Canada between the ages of 18 and 40 years, be required to drill two evenings per week and that the Dominion Government be asked to provide for registration for such a purpose. This, he said, would be following out the idea being adopted in the United States.

A dozen delegates shouted, "Second."

Comrade Midwinter, Winnipeg: "Make the age limit 70. We are not old men yet."

Comrade Wheeler, Winnipeg: "Make the age limit 60. I would make it as least 55, not 40. Lots of farmers at that age are vigorous men and go out to work all day. I am 62 and any man who thinks he can beat me in a ten round bout can come outside."

Comrade Midwinter, Winnipeg: "I'll take you on."

Comrade Stagg, Calgary: "Same here."

After further jovial passages, Comrade Wheeler suggested that the age limit be 55.

Comrade Tupper, Winnipeg: "The extreme limit in England now is 50. I think we had better not go beyond the age set by the authorities there."

Comrade Wheeler, Winnipeg: "Those people who are 60 can say they are 50." (Laughter).

Comrade Young, Victoria: "The Victoria branch took this matter up with the Minister of Militia two months ago. Our telegram asked that men who have been given exemption should be compelled to join the active Militia and drill two nights a week. So far we have had no reply."

It was suggested that this was not quite the proper method of procedure at this point, and the resolution, together with the one dealing with support to the Dominion Government in its war help was laid on the table for further attention at the Convention.

Comrade Smithson, Ottawa: "The resolution to go into Committee as a Whole has been carried. If not, I move it now."

Comrade Mills, Ottawa: "I second."

At the request of the Chairman, Comrade Evans, Kingston, again presided.

COMRADE MILLS, Ottawa: "We have now, what we believe is the final report of the Committee on Constitution. We have taken steps which will make it from now on an Empire-wide organization." (Applause).

COMRADE LEECH, Winnipeg: "At this stage it becomes necessary for me to say a few things to this Convention. I regret that the men who provided the original Constitution, and who also got up the charter and by-laws of the Association in Winnipeg have suffered what I think is an injustice. I will have to disassociate myself with the report of the Committee just brought in except as to that part relating to affiliation with the sister associations of Great Britain, and with that I am thoroughly in accord. The Constitution, as reported, is, in my opinion, entirely inadequate to the needs of this Association. My own opinion is that it cannot be made to work. We have a Constitution covering a great part of our work which is absolutely necessary, but we have nothing to cover what is very necessary in the initial stages."

THE CHAIRMAN: "I shall have to call you to order. If you wish to give personal explanations that might be all right."

COMRADE LEECH proceeded: "Very well; let me say this, speaking as a legal man and on behalf of my firm, we have gone to a very great trouble in preparing that Constitution in order and in the hopes that it would have been treated courteously and not strangled by this small Committee. We have not been given that courtesy. I feel that I owe it to my firm and the men who have helped me with the Constitution, to say that that Constitution should at least have come before this Convention before being so strangled by this small Committee—"

THE CHAIRMAN: "I must again call you to order, as that is a reflection on the Committee which I cannot stand for."

COMRADE HARDISTY, Winnipeg: "I think the Convention should listen to what he has to say."

COMRADE MILLS, Ottawa: "I think the only fair way is to hear him. I move that this be done."

COMRADE YOUNG, Victoria: "I second."

The vote was carried.

Proceeding, Comrade Leech said his whole heart and soul was in the work and he had tried to get something simple and complete for them to work on and to guard against future contingencies. He pointed out that at any time they might suddenly have 300,000 men coming back from overseas and then the fundamentals he had laid down would be very necessary.

COMRADE EVANS, Kingston: "This discussion has done good. We, as a Committee felt as laymen we did not dare to trespass where lawyers would fear to tread. According to Comrade Leech, we have no Constitution at all. We must, however, go on and do something more."

Comrade Pooley, Vancouver: "Speaking for the delegates from the far west, I want to absolve them from blame. We were held up by the railway system 30 hours and were that much late. I have not been provided with a copy of the Constitution, but we were under the impression that the thing had been read and thoroughly understood by the delegates. I have really not seen it. I have been waiting to hear it read clause by clause."

The Chairman: "Might I be permitted to explain? I am singled out of the Committee as the man guilty of using the knife. I happen to be a surgeon, and the only one on the Committee. It was a painful thing to do. It was an unfortunate thing that so much time was given to this Constitution and that it proved such a stupendous task. I want to say this in justice to Comrade Leech, that he took it, and took a great deal of it, like a man, and without a murmur, and if I had been in his place, I should have exhibited a spirit of rebellion if not of retaliation. I want to tell him this: I was sent here by my Association to oppose tooth and nail a ready-made Constitution. Secondly, we are not in sympathy with the system outlined in the synopsis. We felt that the whole thing was unworkable and too good for our present position."

Comrade Tupper, Winnipeg: "I felt that I was in a very delicate position in regard to this matter as I was the culprit so far as the preparation in advance of the draft Constitution was concerned. In deference to the Winnipeg organization, I wish to say, as I stated at the outset of this Convention, that it was not our desire or intention in any way to anticipate the action to be taken with reference to the Constitution by this Convention. Our sole object was to facilitate as far as lay in our power the work of this Convention. We knew we would have much important business to transact and we wished to economize our time. With that end in view we asked Comrade Leech to undertake to draft a Constitution. I must say I had no idea it involved such an enormous amount of work or would require so much time as the Constitution did. I have not had much experience of Constitutions and have learned a good deal in the last few days. I want this Convention to acquit the Winnipeg Association of any desire to encroach upon the privileges or prerogatives of the delegates. I want the delegates to understand that it was merely a suggestion from the Winnipeg Association that this was to be presented to the Convenion to work upon and with no idea that any reflection would be cast upon any person if they did not adopt it wholly or in part. The Convention was free to thank Comrade Leech for the great work done and to say, 'We wish to go over this de novo. I understand that the Committee recognized this splendid work, but thought that it was too complete, to voluminous, and thorough. The Committee, in view of this, felt that they wanted something simpler, something not so lawyer-like and which would deal adequately with the object in view. I think the delegates believed that in its present state the Constitution was unworkable, too intricate, and that it would take any person a long time to understand it. It was apparently too complex for the objects we had in view. Now, Comrade Leech, nor the Winnipeg Association has the right to complain of the action taken, because the Convention has the right to refuse the gift or accept it as they please. That was the sole

object, and, if our intention has been misunderstood, we wish now to make that explanation so that the delegates would not think there was any jockeying. There was no such intention whatever. I only hope that Comrade Leech's predictions will not be fulfilled and that there may be enough to work upon. I am satisfied he will know that if we have made a mistake we have made it unwittingly and not as a personal matter at all. It is not a question of his ability at all; we all understand that Comrade Leech is one of the foremost men in his profession."

THE CHAIRMAN: "There is no question about his ability as counsel."

On motion of Comrade Sampson, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Stagg, Calgary, it was decided to go on with the consideration of the Constitution, clause by clause.

Clauses 25, 26, 27 and 28 were adopted as follows:

25.—Any Unit in arrears in payment of levies made upon it shall be deprived of all representation in the Convention until the same is paid, unless the Convention, by a two-thirds vote of members present, shall waive the provisions of this section.

26.—All such levies shall be remitted to the Dominion Treasurer of the Association, who shall have authority to receive the same and give receipt therefore.

CONVENTION DELEGATES

27.—Each Unit shall at a general meeting, elect such Delegate or Delegates as it shall be entitled to under the provisions hereof. Only Active Members in good standing shall be eligible for election and such election shall be by ballot.

DOMINION EXECUTIVE

28.—The Executive, Management and Control of the Association, subject to the general control of the Convention, shall be carried on by an Executive Board of the Convention.

The next discussion arose on Clause 29, which reads as follows:

The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President for each Province, Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain.

COMRADE TUPPER, Winnipeg: "It might be not advisable to have more than one Vice-President, and then one each for the different Provinces. (Hear, hear). If that is too many we could have one from the East and one from the West and then another one from the Centre."

COMRADE WHEELER, Winnipeg: "One from each Province."

THE CHAIRMAN: "Don't you think that suggestion would be a little cumbersome?"

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "I think a Vice-President for each Province should be appointed, also that this be added to that clause: 'That Provinces not represented at this first Convention should be left to the

Executive with power to appoint a Vice-President.' It is only a matter of time before we will have affiliated associations in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. We have one in Prince Edward Island. This should be one of the first things undertaken in the work of the Executive."

Comrade Tupper, Winnipeg, moved, and Comrade Akerley, Kingston, seconded: "That a Vice-President be elected for each Province."

Comrade Young, Victoria: "Do I understand that it means only a Vice-President for each Province and they will constitute an Executive? If so, I wish to move an amendment that we have a Vice-President and a member of the Executive from each Province. These Vice-Presidents in many cases will be mere figure-heads."

Comrade Cross, Montreal: "I second that."

Comrade Mills, Ottawa: "That is covered under Clause 30."

Clause 29 was then carried.

Clause 30 was next carried. It read:

30.—The Officers of the Association and one representative from each Province to be known as "The Dominion Executive" shall be elected by the Convention. The members of such Dominion Executive shall hold office until their successors are elected at the next regular meeting of the Convention.

Clause 31 was next taken. It read:

31.—The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain shall be elected by the Convention.

Comrade Mills, Ottawa: "Do I understand that the unorganized bodies may elect a Vice-President on formation, and that they may elect a representative on the Executive on affiliation with the Dominion Association?"

The Chairman: "Yes."

Comrade Low, Winnipeg: "I think we could leave that in the hands of the Executive pro tem."

Comrade Mills, Ottawa: "I will withdraw my amendment for the present, anyway."

Clause 31 then carried.

Clauses 32, 33 and 34 were then carried. They read:

32.—Vacancies occurring in the Dominion Executive from any cause between the sittings of the Convention shall be filled by the Executive from members of the Association.

33.—Subject to the General Control of the Convention, the Dominion Executive shall have control of its own preceedings and may pass by-laws governing the same.

34.—The Executive Committee shall have power in cases of necessity or emergency, to call a special Convention of the Dominion Association.

E. A. POOLEY
Vancouver, British Columbia
Member of Executive Council

CHARTERS

Clause 35 read: The Dominion Executive shall have power to grant charters from time to time to Units, which charters shall be signed by the Officers of the Association and be sealed with the Great Seal of the Association, upon the payment of a fee of $10.00.

Upon petition of twenty-five Veterans qualified to become active members of the Association, praying that they and such others as shall become members within a certain area in said petition described shall be formed into a Unit and certifying that they wish to become members of such proposed Unit and that in their opinion a qualified membership of not less than one hundred could be procured and maintained within such territory and upon said petition being accompanied by a declaration signed by at least twenty-five other Veterans qualified to become members of the Association certifying that it is their wish and intention to become members of such proposed Unit in case same is established, the Dominion Executive may in their discretion if they think it would be to the advantage of the Association to establish such Unit, grant a charter after the form in that behalf adopted by the Dominion Executive to such petitioners, constituting them and such others as shall become members, a Unit with jurisdiction over the territory petitioned for or such lesser, greater, or other territory as the Dominion Executive shall think proper.

Said petition shall be forwarded to the General Secretary and shall be accompanied by a fee of $10.00, which fee shall go to the general revenue of the Association and in the event of such charter not being granted one-half of said fee shall be returned to the petitioners and the balance shall be deemed to belong to the Association.

Upon receipt of such petition it shall be the duty of the Dominion Executive to give due consideration to the same and if thought advisable to issue a charter to the said proposed Unit to supply such Unit with a charter, ten copies of Constitution and By-laws, and to give such general instructions as may be necessary for the organization of such Unit.

Comrade Rev. Dr. J. B. Silcox, Winnipeg: "We should be careful here to avoid trouble. My experience is that we should follow older guidance."

Comrade Low, Winnipeg: "There should be some machinery for the organization of Units. It should take the form of a petition to the Executive Committee. The petition for a charter should be made in the same way as fraternal societies organize. I cannot see any way to improve upon it. We must have some form of application. The report should be referred back to the Committee to make proper provision for new Units to be cared for."

The Chairman: "Let it be done now."

COMRADE HAMILTON, Winnipeg: "Let us ask Comrade Leech. He must understand the legal position. As we stand to-day no machinery has been provided for bringing in new Units."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "I agree with Comrade Leech that this is a most fatal omission."

Moved by Comrade Young, Victoria, seconded by Comrade Mills, Ottawa: "That we suspend the words 'Twenty-five.'" Carried.

HONORARY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Clause 36 read:

> The Honorary Associate Member shall be the nearest male next-of-kin of those who have fallen in the Wars of the Empire and he shall be eligible for such membership in the various Units of the Association.

COMRADE MIDWINTER, Winnipeg: "Why say 'male'—why not 'female'?"

THE CHAIRMAN: "Provision is made for the ladies under their auxiliary."

COMRADE JENKINS, Weyburn: "I saw an excellent illustration along this line recently. I stood in a graveyard when a woman came to place some flowers on a grave. I asked her if she had a son killed in this war. She replied that her boy was among the fallen in the South African War. I take exception to the words 'Great European War.' I think it should be for any men in this war or in past wars or in any wars of the future." (Hear, hear).

COMRADE TENNANT, Winnipeg: "The question arises here, 'Those who have fallen.' What about those who were sick. Does it mean a man has to die?"

THE CHAIRMAN: "It means those who have lost their lives."

LADIES' AUXILIARY

Clause 37 read: There shall be a Ladies' Auxiliary under the direction and control of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association, which shall be composed of the wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters of Active Members of the Association, and of men in Active Service who shall be active members. It shall have power to elect Honorary Members and Honorary Associate Members in keeping with the privileges set forth in these clauses by the Association proper. The Auxiliary shall elect its own officers subject to the approval of the Unit to which it is attached and all disbursements made by the same shall require the authorization of the Unit to which they belong.

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "Should there not be some machinery so that officers of the Auxiliary should meet in convention and have some part in the Dominion operations. It seems to me a very important point and one which would add a great deal of interest to their work.

The delegates would look forward to meeting other women from the different Provinces." (Hear, hear).

THE CHAIRMAN: "We could do that by by-law."

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "We could have a day set apart for the ladies and they could have a scrap between themselves."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "It might be left to the Executive to work out a scheme by which they could be represented at the annual Convention, also to set apart a day as suggested by Comrade Akerley."

THE CHAIRMAN: "We can recommend to the Executive the necessity of forming at the earliest possible moment a Dominion-wide Ladies' Auxiliary."

COMRADE HUBBLE, Winnipeg: "Let the clause stand for the present."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "Perhaps we can deal with it by resolution."

COMRADE STAGG, Calgary: "The Vice-Presidents can confer with the women and have a lady come with us."

COMRADE MURDOCH, Winnipeg: "This has been a very dear question. I have always made it a point to do honor to our women, and at this stage of the war, the best we can do for the women who have done so much, and rendered so much time and service, will be readily given. I feel very strongly on this because I know what splendid work the women have done in this Western country. Let us take the women into full understanding and make the women of Canada as big and strong a force as our own organization will be later on."

REV. COMRADE SILCOX, Winnipeg: "If the women have formed an Auxiliary, let us leave them to themselves to form their own Dominion Association. They do not need any suggestion from the men."

It was then decided to let Clause 37 stand.

FEES

Clause 38, dealing with fees, read: The regular annual membership fees of the Units of the Association shall be not less than $2.00 a year.

COMRADE JENKINS, Weyburn: "We should make this clause a little more comprehensive. Does this mean that $2.00 is to be the fee purely and simply?"

THE CHAIRMAN: "It means membership fees and nothing else."

COMRADE JENKINS, Weyburn: "We should change the clause to that extent."

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "This is the one thing I have been waiting for. I think we should add, 'not less than $2.00,' and let the Units themselves control it."

COMRADE LEECH, Winnipeg: "We left it to the Units."

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "One of the difficulties in the matter of fees, is to have the members understand what they are for. We always tell them exactly what the aims and objects of the Association are, and what its history is. In this connection I would like to speak on the absence of any access we have to know what is going on in the Association. I think that the membership fee should include the cost of subscription to the official organ, *The Khaki Call.* It would be money well invested by the members and redound with great benefit to the Association for every member to be able to know what is going on."

THE CHAIRMAN: "That should come under Ways and Means."

REV. COMRADE SILCOX, Winnipeg: "In reply to Comrade Leech, who has asked me the Church's stand on these matters, I would say that the autonomy of each individual Unit should be left alone."

THE CHAIRMAN: "The Ways and Means Committee might make provision for dealing with the paper."

COMRADE POST, Greenridge: "How much is each Unit to pay? Is it to be $2.00 each member?"

The clause then carried.

Clauses 39 to 43, inclusive, were then carried. They read:

39.—In addition to the above dues, each Unit shall have authority to tax its members each year with a per capita tax sufficient to meet all levies made upon it for the support of the Association at large, or Unit Headquarters.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

40.—The Unit Executive may, by vote of not less than two-thirds of its members present, at any meeting thereof, suspend any member of the Association for any reasonable cause, including any of the following clauses:

(a) For non-payment of dues, when the same are one year or more in arrears.

(b) For misconduct in or about the Association's premises, or with respect to its property.

(c) For slandering the good name of the Association, or of its Executive or any of its Officers.

(d) For gross or habitual misconduct in any place, calculated to make his membership injurious to the Association.

(e) For committing any act of treason or felony.

(f) In case such member should become an alien enemy.

AUDIT

41.—The books and accounts of the Association shall be audited by an auditor duly appointed by the Dominion Executive and a statement of such audit for the preceding year, duly certified, shall be placed before the Convention.

GREAT SEAL

42.—There shall be a corporate seal of the Association after the design impressed in the margin.

43.—The seal of each Unit shall bear the designation of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, Incorporated, with the name of the Unit inserted in the centre, in place of the shield now occupying the centre of the Great Seal, and power shall be given to such Units to use such seal for local purposes only.

COMRADE LEECH, Winnipeg: "About the use of the seal, what authority have you now for using it?"

REV. COMRADE DR. SILCOX, Winnipeg: "We must give to the local Units the right to use it under their own autonomy."

DECORATION

44.—The Decorations of the Association shall be as follows:

(a) The Button as now being used by the Army and Navy Veterans' Association in Canada for Active Membership.

(b) The Badge of the Association shall be the one now in use by the Winnipeg Unit.

(c) That the Ribbon of the same shall be the ribbon of the Association.

(d) The Badge of the Ladies' Auxiliary shall be the badge now in use in Canada by the Winnipeg Unit of the Navy Veterans in Canada.

(e) The Button of the Associate Member shall be the one as now used in Winnipeg.

A standing vote was taken and resulted in favor of the old medal as the official badge.

COMRADE HARDISTY, Winnipeg: "It would be sailing under false colors to call this a war medal. It only belongs to Winnipeg."

THE CHAIRMAN: "Winnipeg is the city of the Association's nativity."

COMRADE MCNAMARA, Winnipeg: "In 1891 the present King, then Duke of York, presented these medals."

COMRADE MIDWINTER, Winnipeg: "I am against the old medal, and I think many other Comrades are too."

COMRADE LEECH, Winnipeg: "Let us not go with too much haste, We were compelled to abandon that medal. We felt that it would be sailing under false colors. We feel that as they could be obtained rather easily it would be an injustice to the real veterans. Those of us who paid $2.00 apiece for them feel this way and we want to find out who authorized the medal."

J. B. JENKINS
Weyburn, Saskatchewan
Member of Executive Council

Moved by Comrade Low, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Meacham, Winnipeg: "That the Committee rise and report, and ask leave to sit again." Carried.

Following the noon adjournment at 12.40, the Comrades were photographed in a group, standing in front of the Bank of Montreal.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION—MAY 14th

Section B. of clause 44 was taken up immediately on the resumption of business at 2.25 p.m.

It was intimated that the delegates had been invited to take lunch with Hon. Robert Rogers, of which privilege about a score of the comrades availed themselves.

Comrade Wheeler, Winnipeg: "On what authority was this badge issued? Can anyone in the association give me this authority?"

Comrade Young, Victoria: "I thought Comrade McNamara was going to make a statement, but he is not here yet."

Comrade Holman, Winnipeg: "I move that the matter of the badge question be left to a committee to report to our next convention."

Comrade Midwinter, Winnipeg: "I will second that. The matter should be gone into thoroughly."

Comrade Hay, D.C.M., Winnipeg: "What badge are we to use between now and then?"

Comrade Holman, Winnipeg: "A committee had better be appointed by the Convention. No doubt they will require——"

Comrade Post, Greenridge: "One member should be on it from each province."

Comrade Cross, Montreal: "Leave it to the executive."

Comrade Holman, Winnipeg: "I will withdraw my amendment, with the consent of my seconder."

Comrade Gordon, Montreal: "I would suggest that we use the present badge adopted by Winnipeg until the next Convention."

It was decided to add this to the original motion. The ribbon of the Association was also decided on as given in the clause. The button for associate members was retained, it being the same one as in use in British Columbia, Winnipeg, and all other recently formed units.

Comrade Curtis, Winnipeg: "The committee should also see about the privilege of wearing it on uniform and civilian clothes."

The Chairman: "I think that will be accomplished without very much difficulty.

UNIFORM

Clause 45 read: The adoption of a distinctive dress or uniform shall be left to the discretion of each unit of the Association.

THE CHAIRMAN: "I think it would be well to leave the question of dress to the individual units."

Clause 46 was then read as follows:

STATUS OF MEMBERS

46.—Nothing herein contained shall apply to or affect the status of the present members of any unit or organization of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association in Canada, who were members prior to the 14th day of May, 1918.

A further discussion then arose of the status of membership.

Replying to Comrade Curtis, Winnipeg, the Chairman said it was not intended to make clause 46 retroactive. It would not disturb the members now holding office in any of the units. "You have the remedy at the end of the year," he said, adding, "Then you may only elect active members to office.

COMRADE MEACHAM, Winnipeg: "Does that mean all active members now will remain 'active' members and that their standing will not be affected? They are on the roll as active members and will stay so, but they will not have 'active' members' qualifications."

COMRADE HIBBS, Winnipeg: "I take it any organization can act for itself and induce them to act."

Comrade Young, Victoria, called for a standing vote on Clause 46, which was carried by a vote of 36 to 14.

Clause 47, the last clause in the Constitution, read:

TENURE OF OFFICE

47.—That the President of the Association shall not hold office for a period of more than two terms in succession.

COMRADE POST, Greenridge: "I cannot see anything in the Constitution to say how long the President shall hold office. I think there should be some clause in it or some clause to limit the term. I think two years would be quite enough."

THE CHAIRMAN: "That can be easily arranged by the local units each year. We do not want to interfere with their autonomy."

COMRADE STAGG, Calgary: "I would like to see the oath of obligation at the foot of the Constitution. It would be more impressive and more binding upon a man when he entered."

COMRADE YOUNG, Victoria: "Apropos of that, all veterans undergo that to become veterans."

COMRADE STAGG, Calgary: "That is not so in Calgary, simply because we started out wrong. We want something to bring the associations closer together."

COMRADE POST, Greenridge: "I would suggest that we add 'the President shall not hold office for more than two years in succession.'"

COMRADE ROTHWELL, Ottawa: "I will second that."

COMRADE HUBBELL, Winnipeg: "Add 'until his successor is elected.' "

This was agreed to as amended.

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "Say two terms elected. That would overcome the technicality."

COMRADE HUBBELL, Winnipeg: "You can dig up technicalities anywhere; in 'K.R. & O.' if you want to look for them."

COMRADE POWELL, Port Arthur: "Make it read, 'Two terms in succession.' "

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "There is no machinery to transfer members from one unit to another."

COMRADE TUPPER, Winnipeg: "I move that the Secretary put that in writing."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "All right; let it read, 'that a clause be added to the Constitution to provide for the transfer of members from one unit to another, and that proper forms be prepared by the General Secretary.' "

COMRADE YOUNG, Victoria: "I will second that."

COMRADE MEACHAM, Winnipeg: "Provided a man is here a month and then transfers to Regina, is not that association entitled to some of the fee?"

COMRADE HOLMAN, Winnipeg: "Any member in good standing may transfer to any unit if such unit consents to the change. It is a case of transfer by mutual agreement."

COMRADE RILEY, Regina: "Comrade Leech has a clause in his Constitution draft on this."

COMRADE TUPPER, Winnipeg: "I think we are going too far. That is a legal matter and should be handled by the unit itself. Why should we here, laying down a Constitution for a Dominion-wide association, fix at the same time regulations to cover or to govern local bodies. Surely the local units will make by-laws of their own. These cast-iron rules will do no good; they will make business awkward."

COMRADE ROTHWELL, Ottawa: "My views are exactly the same as those of Comrade Tupper."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "I am not providing any cast-iron rules. But it would be much better to have a universal form. I would, personally, be very pleased to see it because it would be of so much help to secretaries."

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "I move an amendment that we allow members to transfer if they are not in the same city, the forms to be supplied by the General Secretary."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "There is no necessity for that."

Comrade Low's amendment was then carried, only Comrade Akerley, Kingston, voting against.

Comrade Pooley, Vancouver: "This obligation idea is all very fine and large, but what about the men in the trenches? In Vancouver we are signing on 100 members a month."

Comrade Beck, Regina: "We took in 120 from the first to ninth. What about those who send in applications by mail?"

Comrade Young, Victoria: "A man signs it when he signs his application form."

Comrade Low, Winnipeg: "He does, to abide by the obligations of the Association."

Comrade Cross, Montreal: "This is nothing to do with the Secretary. The President reads out the name."

The Chairman: "In the City of Kingston we have a system of application and a very simple ceremony so that a man coming in will remember the occasion of his joining. If it is by mail, the first opportunity is taken on his coming into the city to properly introduce him to the Association.

Comrade Low, Winnipeg: "That might be all right in a little place like Kingston, where everybody knows everybody else, but how are you going to work it when the man lives 100 miles away?"

Comrade Sampson, Winnipeg: "Work it the same as a Trades Union. Send him a card and he signs it under oath."

Comrade Pooley, Vancouver: "It is unnecessary to have a ceremony if you put it on the card."

Comrade Low, Winnipeg: "We get lots of applications from the front."

Comrade Akerley, Kingston: "Leave it to the local units to put on a ceremony so long as they don't infringe on the rights of the Association."

Comrade Stagg, Calgary: "I don't want to tread on anyone's corns, but the man at the front can be initiated when he comes home."

Comrade Akerley, Kingston: "He may never come home."

Comrade Riley, Regina: "There is enough work in the Secretary's office without having to go through any of these forms of ceremony."

Cries of "Question." The vote on being put resulted in the amendment being lost.

The Chairman: "One thing we must not forget is when shall the Association's year end?"

Comrade Hubbell, Winnipeg: "That could be covered by the month most convenient to send delegates."

Comrade Rothwell, Ottawa: "In the event of it going to Ottawa ____"

THE CHAIRMAN: "We are not talking about the date of the Convention."

COMRADE YOUNG, Victoria: "We are talking about the end of the fiscal year."

COMRADE POOLEY, Vancouver: "I move it be the 31st of December."

COMRADE WHEELER, Winnipeg: "I second."

COMRADE MILLS, Ottawa: "October 1 and April 1 are the two finishing dates of the federal fiscal half-year."

COMRADE MIDWINTER, Winnipeg: "The Convention should be timed for some time during the summer holidays. We should meet soon after the end of the fiscal year. If I want to go east I want to see the fruit trees, and if the eastern delegates have to come west they should see the greatest wheat fields in the world."

THE CHAIRMAN: "We should give the officers a chance to prepare their statements."

COMRADE HAY, D.C.M., Winnipeg: "The War Charities Act calls for two statements on April 1 and October 1, but these are nothing to do with our Association."

COMRADE THOMPSON, Portage la Prairie: "I would suggest June 30."

Comrade Pooley's motion then carried.

THE CHAIRMAN: "It has been suggested that we should make provision to cover any contingencies that might arise. It might be wise to appoint a committee which could deal with questions as they arise if they are not of a controversial character, their decision to be ratified at the next Convention."

COMRADE RILEY, Regina: "I would move that each unit be sent a copy of the draft constitution as prepared by Comrade Leech."

THE CHAIRMAN: "Who will provide the money?"

COMRADE RILEY, Regina: "The Association."

THE CHAIRMAN: "How will they get it?"

COMRADE MILLS, Ottawa: "I would suggest that this draft be prepared and sent out."

COMRADE ROTHWELL, Ottawa: "Each unit should have a chance to study Comrade Leech's draft and if the Winnipeg Association would supply them it would be a nice compliment to Comrade Leech. That should have been done in the first place."

COMRADE MIDWINTER, Winnipeg: "Could not the *Khaki Call* print it and let every member subscribe for the paper?"

THE CHAIRMAN: "The question is out of order; it may be discussed in Convention, but not in committee."

C. G. F. WHEELER
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Member of Executive Council

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "I want a ruling, would it be possible for two units to be run in one city?"

THE CHAIRMAN: "I think that is a matter that could be left to the governing body."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "I move the Committee rise and report."

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "I second."

Comrade Major Rothwell now being in the chair, Comrade Evans, Kingston, who had occupied the chair while the bulk of the Constitution was under consideration, moved that the Constitution be accepted as reported by the Committee of the Whole.

Comrade Young, Victoria, seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

A motion by Comrade Low, Winnipeg, and seconded by Comrade Holman, Winnipeg, read: "That the Executive, when elected, shall have power to add any clause to the Constitution not likely to be of a contentious nature, which may be found necessary to its proper working, and to correct any typographical or other errors." Carried.

ADDRESS BY HON. ROBERT ROGERS

At this stage, Hon. Robert Rogers, ex-Member of Parliament for the City of Winnipeg, and late Dominion Minister of Public Works, on the invitation of the Chairman, gave a very interesting address.

Hon. Robert Rogers said: "Mr. President and gentlemen: I am indeed sensible of the compliment implied in the very kind invitation and privilege given me of meeting in open convention the representative members of the Army and Navy Veterans' organization. And, let me say at the outset that I am indeed delighted to come here and meet my old friend Major Rothwell and to find him where I always have found him—in the right place. I have known Major Rothwell many long years and have always found him a worthy citizen, anxious and willing to do his full duty by his country, and by his friends at all times. Now let me say with reference to your organization that, as probably some of your members present here may know, I have had some little acquaintance with your purposes, your aims and your objects, and I can only extend to you my congratulations upon your apparent anxious desire to see to it that these worthy purposes and worthy aims are carried out to the advantage and to the good of our common country generally. You have, I am glad to see, an active and energetic organization. You have a great work in hand, especially in view of the conditions with which we are faced to-day. If you can do nothing more than by your power and your influence see to it that our returned soldiers are properly treated and properly cared for from time to time then you will have accomplished a great work. (Applause.) Above all things I think we should all be prepared to do is to see to it that there must be no ingratitude shown toward our gallant men who in the recent conflicts have covered themselves with glory and have immortalized the name of our Dominion of Canada. (Applause.) It is true, Mr. Pesident and gentlemen, that perhaps a majority of you are veterans of the old school; nevertheless

in the early days when there was necessity for the defence of our country you numbered among the men who were willing to give up your jobs, to give up your homes and to give up your positions and go out and to battle for the protection of your common country. And, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, while it is true that some of you have not been able to take part in the recent struggle and to join the army by reason of your age or by reason of other difficulties that may have occurred, yet you know what it is to have taken a share and a part, and a worthy share and worthy part, in fulfilling a duty to yourselves and to your country upon former occasions. I am glad to see you have numbered among you many of our young men who in the recent great struggle have come forward to press their services upon their King and upon their country and to have left their homes and positions to go out and to do battle at this solemn moment of our great crisis when the very existence of our British Empire and the very existence of our own Dominion of Canada have been threatened in a way that they have never been threatened before, because, sir, while we have taken part in war in the past never before but once, as Canadians, had we taken part in a war of empire, and never before in a war that challenged our right to live as free men and free women in our own Dominion of Canada in the British Empire. Now then, if there is one thing I am sure, more of a blessing than another it is the fact that so many young men in 1914 and 1915, '16 and '17 came voluntarily forward to do their duty by themselves and their duty by their country, and as a result of that splendid spirit, that spirit that was abroad in all parts of the British Empire, abroad in the allied world, you have been able to stop the mad rush of the German forces to the extent that in Canada we have felt very little of the effects of the war beyond a part in the demand upon the bravest and the best of our sons. Now then, this being the case, when you have through your assistance, fighting side by side with soldiers of our King from all parts of the British Empire, fighting side by side with the gallant heroes who have sacrificed their lives supported and assisted by our invincible British Navy, you have been able to protect and to preserve to us our greatest possession in this country—that of our British citizenship and our membership in the great British Empire. (Applause.) Therefore, Mr. Chairman, and gentlemen, well may I say that it becomes the duty of men having taken part in this great struggle to see to it, as I said a moment ago, that there must be no ingratitude for our returned men. We must see to it that none of our returned men and our discharged fighters are sitting around the street corners looking for assistance. (Applause.) Canada is prosperous enough to see to it that our returned men must be adequately and independently provided for in order that they may be able to rehabilitate themselves into the private life of our country and to engage at the work they deem themselves best suited for.

Let me congratulate you on the splendid help you will be able to render in this respect. Let me say one or two words in respect to present conditions, because no matter what we may have in mind yet it will be difficult for us to divorce our minds from that paramount problem of how best we can win this great struggle in the shortest space of time and that with the surest finality. That, to my mind, is the special duty of every man and every woman within the borders of our country. That is a duty, the neglect of which will rob us of all opportunity of ever per-

forming any other duty; and, further, it commands our first and especial consideration and attention. For the voluntary enlistment in Canada we have every reason to be proud. Over 350,000 of our best men came forward and pressed their services upon their country to go out as defenders of our liberty and our freedom. Now, sir, the government felt nearly a year ago it was necessary to do something in order that those who did not appear quite so anxious, quite so willing, to come forward, that we should have a form of compulsory enlistment to assist in filling our ranks, to assist in filling our battalions that had already suffered in the firing line; and it is to be regretted that in a measure our Military Service Act has not been the great success that it was hoped for when it was first introduced.

Now I am not here to express any opinion as to why it has not been a success. There are those who think that it did not succeed by reason of the fact that its provisions were too cumbersome, that we had too many tribunals for men who were not specially anxious of their own desire to serve their country in this conflict, and who regarded those various tribunals as an invitation through which they could endeavor to establish a reason why they should not be called upon to come into the conflict at the present time, but whether this is the case I am not prepared to say. There are those who regard the administration of the Military Service Act as not having been sufficiently aggressive and active. Unfortunately it was encumbered to some extent by what we sometimes call 'lawyer-like' delay. We have too much delay and too much hesitation. Further, we must hope that this, now being corrected, that in the near future Canada will be fulfilling her full share and her full part and doing and rendering full service in the present great conflict. Because, sir, we must remember that this is the time when it was necessary for every citizen of our country to recognize his responsibility and his duty. If we act unitedly and determinedly we can accomplish a great deal more than by being divided and not supporting loyally and faithfully the work of carrying on in the great struggle in which we are engaged. We owe this to ourselves and to our country. (Applause.)

Now, sir, while we all hope that peace may soon come, yet I am sure you will agree with me when I say that better now the long way to victory than an unvictorious and indeterminable peace. Great Britain and her allies owe it to themselves and to civilization to see to it now that Germany's unwise and unholy ambition must be thoroughly humbled and that her power to do harm must be ended, to see to it that Germany's military power must be destroyed in view of the fact that no one will deny that such power is a menace to her neighbors and a menace to civilization. Germany's power and her ability to strew the paths of the ocean with their engines of destruction must be destroyed. Germany's power and willingness to work wholesale murder upon defenceless women and children must be destroyed. If, Mr. President and gentlemen, we do not accomplish this high purpose, then I am sure you will agree with me when I say that if we do not succeed in this then the plans for the future development of our own Dominion of Canada will not be made within our own borders, but within the borders of some foreign country.

There is no use deluding ourselves upon this point, because a great fat and tempting prize like Canada would never be allowed to escape were she to go indefinitely from under the power of a victorious British

Empire. Further, that brings home to us clearly and distinctly the reason why, as Canadians, we have a common interest, we have an anxious interest in the future of this great struggle and it becomes our duty to render every assistance as best we can in carrying our full share and full part until such time as victory has crowned the British Empire and the allied world with full and complete success. Sir, the great war now raging must be won. If we cannot win it outright it would be better to throw up our hands now. But, sir, Great Britain and her allies know that they can win and know that they *will win*. (Applause). And, sir, if we, at this solemn moment, in Canada do not rise to a full sense of our responsibility and of our duty to render fullest assistance then we will all the rest of our lives feel that we lost because we failed at the critical moment. But, sir, we are not going to fail. Rather will we rise in our might and we will give every assistance and every power that we possess and if we act in this matter as I am satisfied we will, then, when the world is applauding the allies upon their victory, and the cheers of the British Empire and all decent people are ringing throughout the world, we will be able to stand with heads erect and minds content that in the hour of test and in the hour of trial we did our duty, and further, that we assisted mightily to save the day that won our destiny. (Loud Applause.) I must not keep you longer. I thank you most sincerely for the compliment paid me by allowing me to be present. I can only further assure you that you have my hearty co-operation and support at all times and anything I am ever able to do to assist the work of your organization will be done willingly. I wish you Godspeed and success in the work you have undertaken for the future." (Applause.)

Comrade Rothwell, Ottawa, said those of the comrades who lived in the city of Winnipeg, had the privilege of not only knowing Hon. Mr. Rogers, but of having him as their representative in Parliament, not only as a politician, but as the man too. The speaker eulogized the former Minister at length, after which the delegates all rose and sang: "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The report of the Resolutions Committee was next considered.

Moved by Comrade Smithson, Ottawa, seconded by Comrade Rothwell, Ottawa:

> "That the Army and Navy Veterans' Association in Canada, in Dominion Convention assembled, request representation on pension board by a Comrade of the rank and file, and that a wire be sent to the Chairman of the Special Pensions Committee, Ottawa, advising the nominations, and a copy of this resolution be wired to the Premier, and we nominate Comrade E. R. R. Mills, of Ottawa, as this representative."

Speaking to the resolution, Comrade Smithson said there had been a lot of work done in Ottawa by the branch there, working in conjunction with the Ottawa branch of the Great War Veterans with regard to pensions. Comrade Mills had been representing both associations before the Parliamentary Committee and had all the many questions at his finger ends.

Comrade Mills, Ottawa, gave a resume of the hearings before the Parliamentary Committee on pensions, citing several cases where the association had been prominent in securing help for the men back from the front. He was shocked, he said, at some of the cases, but the Committee, when it got to work, did its duty faithfully and to the best of its ability, expressing a desire to hear all particulars of cases and taking the keenest interest in the men's welfare.

The resolution was carried amid applause.

COMRADE TUPPER, Winnipeg: "I take it that means in case we have representation on that body."

Comrade Mills thanked the comrades for the confidence reposed in him, stating that he would do all in his power in the interest of the men back from the front.

PROMOTE SPIRIT OF HARMONY

Moved by Comrade Pooley, Vancouver, seconded by Comrade Cross, Montreal:

> "That every effort should be exerted by each member of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, as individuals, and as an organization to promote a spirit of harmony and co-operation between the various organizations of returned soldiers, having in mind the supreme importance of the welfare of Veterans (both of the army and the navy) of *all* wars, and placing the interests of the many before the selfish interests of any individual or a few.
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> "That all organizations of Veterans be approached with a view to considering a proposal to establish a central Dominion Committee composed of representatives of all Dominion organizations of Veterans, with a view of providing a solid unit through which the views of the many organizations could be crystallized and presented to the proper authorities in a manner that would impress the said authorities with the fact that all Veterans were united on matters." Carried.

Moved by Comrade Pickering, Yorkton, seconded by Comrade Riley, Regina:

> "That whereas the time is now favorable for an amalgamation between the Army and Navy Veterans and the Great War Veterans, that steps be immediately taken towards this end, and that a committee be appointed by this Convention to meet a similar committee from the Great War Veterans as soon as possible to discuss this question."

COMRADE POOLEY, Vancouver: "We in the West are trying to promote unity between returned soldiers. To that end we take every opportunity of co-operating with them. I take notice of what is going on through the papers and anything that is commendable which is done by them we send them a letter complimenting them. Recently the 5c. fares were cancelled at the coast and a letter was sent by us to the B.C.

JOSEPH M. TEES
Calgary, Alberta
Member of Executive Council

Electric Co. I thought we might get the help of the G.W.V. We got "Jimmy" Robinson to meet us. He certainly slammed some of the G.W.V., saying the older members were anxious to come in with us. I am dead against any idea whereby the identity of the Army and Navy Veterans is to be eliminated through any process of amalgamation."

The resolution was carried.

Moved by Comrade Rothwell, Ottawa, seconded by Comrade Smithson, Ottawa:

"Whereas at a meeting of the members of the Ottawa Branch of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, held upon the 25th ultimo, it was adopted upon motion of Comrade E. G. Rothwell, seconded by Comrade Sir Sam Hughes, 'That the Government of the Dominion of Canada should be requested to expropriate the land upon and adjoining that on which the Ottawa Isolation Hospital is erected, as well as the whole area between that land and the railway line to the South of it, for the purpose of a Military parade ground, a Veterans' Home and recreation ground, and other military purposes which it is proposed shall include a Record Office, and whereas, at a subsequent meeting of members of the Ottawa Branch of the said Association, it was decided that the subject in question was one in the interest of the whole Dominion of Canada and one which therefore be considered and dealt with by the members of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, in Dominion Convention assembled.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the purpose for which the said land of which a more definite description is hereto attached, meet with the approval of the members of this Association in Convention now assembled, and that they pledge themselves and the members of the Association generally, to support any necessary action that may be taken to secure the expropriation of the land in question and of its use and use of all buildings to be erected thereon for the purposes before mentioned and such other purposes of course as the Government of the Dominion of Canada may deem to be advisable and necessary.

"All that tract of vacant land not used for railway purposes, situated (generally speaking) west of the Rideau River and extending northerly from the railway tracks on the south, to the crest of the plateau south of Strathcona Park and containing about thirty-five acres.'" Carried.

Moved by Comrade Cross, Montreal, seconded by Comrade Pooley, Vancouver:

"That an appeal be made to the Governor-General, through the Militia Council, praying that His Majesty the King, grant permission to the duly accepted active members of this Association, to wear the Veterans' Medal and Ribbon on His Majesty's uniform." Carried.

At this stage, Comrade Evans moved that the balance of the resolutions be adopted as a whole. Comrade Riley, Regina, seconded.

Comrade Smithson, Ottawa, suggested that the resolutions be read through once. This was put in the form of a motion, seconded by Comrade Macnamara, Winnipeg, and carried.

Moved by Comrade Meacham, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Hubbell, Winnipeg:

> "That this Convention respectfully request that all members of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada in the employ of the several railway companies, be permitted to wear the authorized Military and Association ribbons, when in the actual performance of their several duties."

Moved by Comrade Hay, D.C.M., Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Davies, Winnipeg:

> "That this Convention pass a resolution calling on the proper municipal or provincial authorities to take measures to prevent owners of houses raising the rent of same when the tenants are families of soldiers who are absent with the forces of the Dominion or Empire."

Moved by Comrade Pooley, Vancouver, seconded by Comrade Macnamara, Winnipeg:

> "That whereas the cost of living has risen so high in British Columbia and the standard wage accordingly (the very least living wage being $19.60), be it resolved therefore, that the Military Department be requested to restore the Western allowances (and others) to the permanent forces in the West, whose whole pay is at present $16.30 per week."

Moved by Comrade Pooley, Vancouver, seconded by Comrade Purvis, Yorkton:

> "That all ordinary privileges (industrial) be extended to those men of other nationalities, who have taken the oath of allegiance and enlisted in Canadian Forces, becoming automatically British subjects, referring particularly to the Japanese fishermen in the West who are having difficulty in getting Purse Seine Licenses for free fishing."

At this stage the question of the R.N.W.M.P. was again raised.

Comrade Riley, Regina: "Might I ask if this is to be referred to the Dominion Executive for consideration?"

Comrade Wheeler, Winnipeg: "The other forces such as the Natal Police should be also considered."

Comrade Young, Victoria: "The Imperial forces should also have the three-year clause."

Comrade Tennant, Winnipeg: "Comrade Evans suggests that these resolutions be taken *en bloc* and now wants to kick this one out. I have waited patiently to see what became of this question. There have been numerous cases of heroism among the men of the R.N.W.M.P. I have seen men grey-haired in the service of their country in France after a

short time, having gone through what seems a lifetime of agony. But the R.N.W.M.P. men have had to go for years through all the perils that the North West can bring. I agree that a man who has been in the trenches five minutes is entitled to be called a veteran, but what about these men who have endured the perils of hell out here in the West. I move that the six years be cut to three."

THE CHAIRMAN: "I am sorry, but you are out of order. If it was left to my own opinion I would put them right straight where they ought to be."

COMRADE WHEELER, Winnipeg: "I quite agree with the last speaker. I'm agreeable to it if we put the remainder of the police forces in too."

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "We can leave it to the executive; no doubt they will change it from six to three."

COMRADE CURTIS, Winnipeg: "Leave them in under Clause 8."

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "Can we go back to Clause 8."

THE CHAIRMAN: "This should be thrashed out. My vote will go in favor."

COMRADE CROSS, Montreal: "I take it that will include all the Imperial men. I have been in Matabeleland and I claim the men out there of three years' service should count." (Hear, hear.)

The subject then ended for the time being.

Moved by Comrade Pooley, seconded by Comrade Purvis, Yorkton:

> "That owing to the inconsistencies of the separation allowance, many dependants of soldiers and especially *sailors* are not receiving sufficient support for their families. Be it resolved therefore, that every effort be put forward by this Association, in Convention, to have these conditions altered, and to petition the authorities to make our allowances the same as those in similar countries as Australia and New Zealand, particularly in regard to allowances for children." Carried.

A motion dealing with the equalization of pensions, brought in by Comrade Thompson, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Stagg, Calgary, was not dealt with, having been already dealt with by the Convention.

Moved by Comrade Cross, Montreal, seconded by Comrade Stagg, Calgary:

> "That an obligation should be arranged for initiating new candidates into the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, and that the following be adopted by all branches of the Association: "Candidate repeats the following:
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> "I,.....do hereby solemnly and sincerely promise in the presence of my Comrades, to give my loyal support to this Association and its members; to further its interest as far as in my power lies; to encourage the officers in their duties by my regular attendance at the Association Meetings; to be present on all parades when called upon, whenever possible (if not inter-

fering with my regular business), and also to use my influence for the advancement of the Association to bring in new members. I make this pledge on the honor of a man who respects the value of truth and the sacredness of a promise.

"Are you now willing to renew your allegiance to our Sovereign King George, his heirs, and successors, if again called upon to take up arms for our beloved land?"

Candidate answers: "I am."

Members—"God Save the King."

In amendment it was moved by Comrade Akerley, Kingston,, and seconded by Comrade Purvis, Yorkton, that the resolution be laid on the table. The amendment was adopted.

Moved by Comrade Stagg, Calgary, seconded by Comrade Simpson, Winnipeg:

"That in view of the shortage of labor, that this Convention go on record as being in favor of conscription of Alien labor at the rate of $1.00 per day, and any balance over that amount be paid by the employers to some of the Patriotic funds needing help.

"This matter to be taken up with the Military authorities at Ottawa immediately, and that this resolution be handed over to the appointed committee to act upon, and the ruling rate of pay be handed to the Government Commission.

"It was moved in amendment by Comrade Akerley, Kingston, and Comrade Hibbs, Winnipeg, 'that this resolution, No. 31, be laid on the table.' The amendment was adopted.

Moved by Comrade Hubbell, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Smithson, Ottawa:

"That this Convention of Army and Navy Veterans in session, pledge their undivided support and the support of the units which they represent in all measures taken to protect and assist the widows, orphans and disabled soldiers." Carried.

Moved by Comrade Major G. B. Murphy, Moosomin, seconded by Comrade Hamilton, Winnipeg:

"Understanding that the practice in the Imperial Army and Special Reserve is to grant Lieutenants who are prisoners of War, their promotion, while prisoners, to the rank of Captain, that the Ministers of Militia be memoralized to grant the same concession to the Canadian Prisoners of War." Carried.

Comrade Low, Winnipeg: "Winnipeg took that matter up and it was refused. However, there would be no harm in taking it up again."

At this stage, the ladies having tea ready at the rear of the Convention hall, adjournment was made for five minutes.

Moved by Comrade Stewart, Yorkton, seconded by Comrade McLeay, Yorkton:

"Whereas in the vicinity of Yorkton, Sask., there are approximately 180 quarter sections of land held by the Community of Universal Brotherhood of Doukobours, and whereas the said community occupy or control the said land under a doubtful tenure and is endeavoring to purchase a large portion of the said land at a nominal figure;

"And whereas the said community has not fulfilled its covenants entered into with the Dominion Government regarding the said land and all members of such community are exempt from military service;

"Now, be it resolved that this Convention go on record as demanding that all portions of the said land which the said community is found not entitled to, be surrendered to returned soldiers and sailors who have seen service in the trenches and on the sea in this war—and that we urge the appointment of two valuators, preferably from the Yorkton district, to value the balance of the said land and that the said community be sold the said balance at such valuation only." Carried.

Moved by Comrade Tupper, Winnipeg; seconded by Comrade Midwinter, Winnipeg.

Resolved, "That all men in Canada, not drafted, between the ages of eighteen and fifty, be required to drill two evenings in each week, and that the Dominion Government be asked to at once provide for military registration for this purpose, and that this resolution be telegraphed at once by the Secretary to Premier Borden."

In amendment, Comrade Simpson, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Akerley, Kingston: "That this resolution be laid on the table."

Moved by Comrade Powell, Port Arthur, seconded by Comrade Low, Winnipeg:

"That the Militia Authorities in Canada be asked that Volunteer Service in any part of the Empire be allowed to count towards the earning of a Volunteer long-service Medal, or in the case of officers, the Volunteer Officers' Decoration." Carried.

Moved by Comrade Riley, Regina, seconded by Comrade McLeay, Yorkton:

"Resolved, that all resolutions appertaining to Dominion affairs, passed by any local unit, be submitted to the Dominion Executive for their approval and adoption." Carried.

Moved by Comrade Wheeler, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Hay, D.C.M., Winnipeg:

"That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Comrade Leech for his great work, time and money, to this, our Association, and that it be put on record that Comrade Leech has devoted long labor, skill, and wonderful forethought in the preparation of the Constitution, and that thanks be publicly tendered him by this Convention now sitting." Carried.

E. W. LOW
Dominion Treasurer
Headquarters, Winnipeg

Moved by Comrade Stagg, Calgary, seconded by Comrade Smithson, Ottawa:

> "That the sincere thanks of this Convention be tendered to our Winnipeg Comrades for their welcome to us, their courtesy and care during our stay amongst them, and above all for the broad comradeship displayed by their Executive in the planning of this Convention." Carried.

A brief discussion arose at this stage on the question of securing a plot in burial grounds for departed members of the Association. No resolution was brought in on the matter. Comrade Riley, Regina, stated that the municipal authorities there gave them a plot. Comrade Midwinter, Winnipeg, said the same thing obtained in Winnipeg. It was decided to leave this matter to the local associations.

Moved by Comrade Sharp, Portage la Prairie, seconded by Comrade Thomson, Portage la Prairie:

> "That the Conscription Act as passed be enforced in a fair and honest way, and in view of the fact that some families who have not sent any members to the Front, are in possession of Exemptions granted by the Registrars of the District, while other families who have sent two or three by voluntary enlistment are having their last son taken now." Carried.

Moved by Comrade Curtis, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Hay, D.C.M., Winnipeg:

> "That all members who are at present active members without proper qualifications, be placed in the same category as an associate member."

THE CHAIRMAN: "I am afraid I must rule that out of order as it means a change in the Constitution."

Moved by Comrade Purvis, Yorkton, seconded by Comrade Jenkins, Weyburn: "That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Army and Navy Veterans for their generous treatment of the Delegates during their stay in the city." Carried.

Moved by Comrade Wheeler, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Morrison, Winnipeg: "That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Secretary Low for his patience and skill as Secretary, while acting as Secretary of this Convention." Carried.

Comrade Low thanked the Convention for the resolution.

Moved by Comrade Tupper, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Post, Greenridge: "That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Comrade Rothwell for the admirable manner in which he presided over this Convention, and for the unfailing tact and patience exhibited by him throughout." Carried.

Comrade Rothwell briefly thanked the Convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

Final report of Committe appointed to consider a report of the draft of Constitution:

On May 13th, the Committee met at 1 o'clock, and considered until 2 p.m., the draft. A final meeting was held at 4 p.m., and the completed draft of the Constitution, as attached herewith, was decided upon.

Sec. 25-46 is submitted for your approval.

While the submitted draft is not the adoption of the draft submitted by Comrade Leech, of Winnipeg, the Committee fully appreciate the great thought and full amount of work and the fine patriotic spirit of Comrade Leech in producing a draft, but regret that in view of the shortness of the time of the Convention, it was impossible to consider the adoption of so large and complex a Constitution. The Committee recommends, however, that the draft submitted by Comrade Leech be handed to the Dominion Executive for consideration and for presentation at the next Convention of the Association.

The Committee recommends also, that this Association affiliate with the Imperial Army and Navy Veterans' Association of Great Britain, in order to make the same a great Empire-wide organization.

The Committee recommends also that the adopted Constitution, together with the Bill of Incorporation, be printed for distribution among the Units of the Association, after the adopted Constitution has been edited by the Dominion Executive.

The Committee appreciate the services of Miss Eunice Egan, Stenographer of the Army and Navy Veterans, Winnipeg, for her services in the typing and completing each day, the work on the Constitution, which entailed her working until midnight on Sunday and Monday.

E. R. R. Mills, *Chairman.* W. Gordon, *Secretary.*

Report adopted.

WAYS AND MEANS

The report of the Ways and Means Committee was next presented by Comrade Beck, Regina, and, on motion of Comrade Mills, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Hubbell, Winnipeg, was referred to the Executive Committee for correction and action. The report read:

We, your Committee on "Ways and Means" beg to report having considered the best methods to adopt with a view to developing our Association and raising the funds necessary for its maintenance, and beg to advise as follows:

1. That two organizers be appointed, one for Eastern Canada and one for the West and that the line dividing such territory be decided by this Convention.

2. That provision be made at once for the printing and mailing of Charters to the present Units of this Association.

3. That an appeal be made to each Unit for immediate financial assistance to enable the Association to meet its initial expenses.

4. That the incoming Executive establish a "Press Bureau" from which items of interest pertaining to our Association and its members, shall be continually supplied to the various Press Associations in Canada, thus keeping in the public eye the benevolent work and true aims of the Association and impressing upon the citizens of Canada its influence in promoting wide and progressive legislation for consideration by the various Provincial Legislative bodies and the Parliament of Canada, with a view to the betterment of the conditions of those who have served their King and Country.

5. That this Association appreciate the financial contribution of $500 to the Association by Comrade Welch, Editor of the "*Khaki Call,*" and desires to further thank him for his promise of an annual donation of $100, until his contribution shall have reached the sum of $1,000, and we would urge that this Association make every reasonable effort within its power to encourage its members to subscribe for its official organ, "*The Khaki Call,*" and recommend that the Secretaries of the various Units compile a list of their membership for use of the official organ and that all news items of interest to the Association be supplied to the official publication with a view to increasing its circulation and developing its usefulness.

That the per capita tax be collected as soon as possible.

For Committee:

H. E. Beck, *Chairman.*
J. H. Holman,
John Crawford,
R. C. Irving.
J. G. Evans.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Comrade W. J. Tupper, Winnipeg, nominated Lieut.-Col. Carruthers, Winnipeg, as President. "He is the man," said Comrade Tupper, "who really is responsible for this Dominion Convention and Dominion Association. He was instrumental in the Bill or Charter as drawn up by Comrade Leech. He has for years, many years, taken a great interest in this Association, but now unfortunately is laid low by illness. It he had been present as Provisional President there is no doubt whatever that he would have been elected to this position. In putting his name forward I do not look at it from the standpoint of Winnipeg at all, but we feel that he is entitled to the position for the support and activity he has shown in the past. Col. Carruthers went down to Ottawa at his own expense and worked to get the charter through because this has become to him his great object in life. We will be doing our duty and showing our gratitude if we elect him as our President. He is a man of sterling character and would be a most admirable President."

COMRADE EVANS, Kingston: "There is no man in this Convention that has greater admiration for Lieut.-Col. Carruthers than myself. Although I have not had the delightful privilege of meeting him face to face, that is a privilege I hope to have before I return. I look upon him as the grand old man of the Association and of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, and I would be delighted to make him the first President of the Army and Navy Veterans, Incorporated. But we are face to face with a serious situation in regard to the present and future interests of the Army and Navy Veterans of this country. It is absolutely necessary that we should be able just now to lay our hands on a man with the health and vigor essential to the successful prosecution of our cause from coast to coast. I have been given to understand that our dear and good Comrade, the Colonel, is far from well—I trust he will live long in our midst—feeling this way, I am of the opinion in the interests of this organization to put in a nomination of a man who could immediately take over the reins and direct the future of our Association in Canada. I came into your city a stranger, largely among strangers. It was my first visit to the city of Winnipeg, and I came with the feeling that so far as the Army and Navy Veterans' Association was concerned this was the city of its nativity. Looking back to '66 and '85, the men who laid the foundations of this age, these men in season and out of season, have been loyal to the cause of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association, and I say the whole of Canada, east and west, owes it in return to the city of Winnipeg for its loyalty to place before this Convention a man from this great Queen City of the Prairies of the West. Although I come from the East—and they do say that all wise men come from the East—I came here to stand for a man from this city for the first President of this Association. I did not know who it would be. My first thought was Lieut.-Col. Carruthers. I thought to myself, "I am going to Winnipeg to stand for Lieut.-Col. Carruthers..." In the few days I have been here I have been brought face to face with another man who could fill the position clean through to the hilt. He is a man who has all the advantages of intellect and all the advantages of academic training; a gentleman quiet and retiring, always ready to take a back seat. It has been my privilege to get in close touch with the man and as I have come more in touch with him I feel he is the man that should be placed at the head of our Association. He has, besides the advantages of education, ability and genius, the advantage of a great name, a great family name. It would not be necessary to introduce him in any part of Canada or even in any part of the British Empire, for the name of Tupper is known the world over. (Applause). He will do honor and he will do credit to himself and to this Association, and if he is elected I shall go home to the East feeling like the one of old who said, "Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen the glory of the Lord."

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "Let us make the nomination unanimous."

COMRADE RILEY, Regina: "I move nominations close."

COMRADE MILLS, Ottawa: "I second."

COMRADE TUPPER, Winnipeg: "There is a point of order involved. Am I eligible. I am President of the local Association. I do not think it

is a good plan to elect the same man to the two offices. I could resign from one, but I would really feel like a traitor to Col. Carruthers if I took it."

COMRADE EVANS, Kingston: "It is a matter that can be easily arranged. The matter of your relation with the local Association is none of the business of this Convention. I think we could make Lieut.-Col. Carruthers the first Honorary President of this Association. I am sure he will relieve Comrade Tupper of any thought of treachery on the floor of this Convention."

Cries of "Question."

COMRADE TUPPER, Winnipeg: "Cannot I withdraw?"

COMRADE EVANS, Kingston: "Only with my permission, and I am not inclined to grant it. Besides it is not customary to nominate a man in his absence."

COMRADE TUPPER, Winnipeg: "I still say I would like to see Col. Carruthers elected. It would be a compliment to him and one which he has well earned."

"Question."

On the vote being called every delegate present stood up.

Amidst a remarkable display of enthusiasm, the first President was escorted, on the left by Comrade Evans, Kingston, representing the East, and on the right by Comrade Pooley, Vancouver, representing the West.

He said, "I cannot express in any adequate terms my appreciation for the high honor conferred upon me. It was the last thing I anticipated when the convention opened and I still believe it would not have occurred only for the unfortunate indisposition of Colonel Carruthers.

"I would like, even at this late hour, even when you have made me feel so happy, that you confer upon me the additional privilege of resigning in his favor. If he refuses I would then perform the duties with much more satisfaction to myself. I thought it would be a nice tribute to pay to him. I feel that he, being in close touch with the work of the Association, could perform the duties of the office much better than I who am not so expert in military matters.

"I still think you have been good enough not to credit me with any shortcomings, and to credit me with a power and ability which I do not possess. There has been a good deal of camouflage in the remarks made concerning me. When our eloquent friend from Kingston, Dr. T. G. Evans, gets going, he goes everlastingly. However, I will do my very best. I can only say once again, I will think first, last and always of the interests of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, and I hope you will not find me lacking, so far as endeavor and sincerity are concerned."

Following the President's speech, the Comrades rose and sang, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

R. C. IRVING
Dominion Secretary
Headquarters, Winnipeg

HONOR FOR LIEUT.-COL. CARRUTHERS

COMRADE EVANS, Kingston: "I move that all rules of this Association be suspended and that a new office, that of Honorary President, be added to the list of officers; also that Lieut.-Col. G. F. Carruthers be chosen as the first holder of this office."

COMRADE ROTHWELL, Ottawa: "I have very much pleasure in seconding."

The motion was adopted with applause.

DR. EVANS MADE VICE-PRESIDENT

COMRADE GORDON, Montreal: "I move that Dr. Evans, Kingston, be our first Vice-President."

COMRADE WHEELER, Winnipeg: "I have great privilege in seconding."

COMRADE YOUNG, Victoria: "I move nominations close."

COMRADE MILLS, Ottawa: "Second."

There were no further nominations, and amid applause, Comrade Evans was declared elected. In reply, he said: "All I can do is to thank you for this honor, which is far more preferable than the gold of Golconda to any man who appreciates a good thing when it comes his way. I will gladly do my share to support the excellent President you have elected to-day."

PROVINCIAL VICE-PRESIDENTS

Provincial Vice-Presidents were elected as follows:

BRITISH COLUMBIA—Comrade Pooley, of Victoria, nominated Comrade H. J. Ketchum, of Victoria, who was elected.

ALBERTA—Comrade Stagg, of Calgary, nominated by Comrade Wheeler, of Winnipeg, and elected.

SASKATCHEWAN—Comrade A. C. Stewart, of Yorkton, was nominated by Comrade McLeay, of Yorkton. Comrade Beck, of Regina, by Comrade Jenkins. Comrade Stewart declined, and Comrade Beck was declared elected by acclamation.

MANITOBA—Comrade W. A. Shepard, of Winnipeg, was nominated by Comrade J. Hay, D.C.M., and elected.

ONTARIO—Comrade Smithson, Ottawa, nominated Comrade Major Rothwell, who was elected.

QUEBEC—Comrade Macnamara, of Winnipeg, nominated Comrade Capt. Gordon, of Montreal, who was elected.

P. E. I.—Comrade Low, of Winnipeg, nominated Comrade Major J. W. Stanley, of Charlottetown, who was elected.

SECRETARY

Comrade Beck, Regina, nominated Comrade Irving, Winnipeg. Comrade Wheeler, Winnipeg, seconded.

Comrade Young, Victoria, nominated Comrade Smithson, Ottawa. Comrade Rothwell, Ottawa, seconded.

Comrade Hubbell, Winnipeg, nominated Comrade Low, Winnipeg.

COMRADE LOW explained that if the Secretary would have to give the whole of his time to the work it would be impossible for him to retain the position. He would be reluctant to give up the position after being so closely identified in the local unit and watching its progress through all the years of hardship, but he must consider his duty to himself and his family first.

Comrade Hay, Winnipeg, asked what salary arrangements had been made.

THE CHAIRMAN: "That will have to be left to the Executive."

COMRADE HUBBELL, Winnipeg: "Why can't the present Secretary handle the job temporarily, or until the next Convention?"

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg, explained that his assistant, Comrade W. H. Rooke, would be willing to give him all necessary assistance if he were elected, Comrade Rooke to receive $25 a month from the Winnipeg Association and $25 from the Dominion body, and give his whole time to Association work.

It now being 6.45, adjournment was moved by Comrade Wheeler, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Young, Victoria, and carried.

FOURTH DAY—WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th

WEDNESDAY MORNING'S PROCEEDINGS

The Convention was called to order at 9.45 by President Tupper. The roll-call showed about 45 delegates present.

Replying to Comrade Smithson, Ottawa, the Secretary stated that the two resolutions involving wires to Ottawa had been attended to.

Moved by Comrade Holman, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Young, Victoria: "That the rules be suspended and that before electing a Secretary for the Association, the headquarters of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada be decided." This was adopted.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any discussion?"

COMRADE YOUNG, Victoria: "I think it is a pretty good move to decide the location of the headquarters before the position of Secretary is filled.

COMRADE STAGG, Calgary: "It seems to me absolutely necessary. If you are going to have a Secretary in Vancouver and headquarters in Ottawa——"

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "That has nothing to do with it. This is headquarters, not where we are going to meet."

COMRADE POOLEY, Vancouver: "Being from the far West, I move that the headquarters be made Ottawa. Ottawa being the seat of all operations with which we will be most deeply concerned. Ottawa is the vital spot in the Dominion's military organization."

Amid three cries of "Second," that of Comrade Young, Victoria, was accepted.

COMRADE BECK, Regina: "I propose that Winnipeg be the seat of headquarters. I believe it is very essential for this year, because during initial operations the headquarters should be where the President can get in touch easily."

COMRADE WHEELER, Winnipeg: "In seconding Comrade Beck's motion, I heartily endorse what he says. I believe it will be absolutely necessary to have the President and the headquarters in the same city. We have also been told that Winnipeg is to be the headquarters of this new battalion, or overseas unit, that is going to be mobilized here. If this is true it is absolutely necessary that the President and Secretary, too, be here to handle that. As the President said at the start of this Convention, we wanted to give the outside delegates a fair show. But as the parent body was born here so let the child grow at least for the first year, with the parent."

COMRADE ROTHWELL, Ottawa: "Being from Ottawa, I dislike very much interfering with the words of the mover and seconder. My own opinion about the child idea is that this Association is a mighty strong child. I know as well as any man in this room that having the headquarters as near as possible to the men we will have to approach it in the interests of this body."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "I would like to point out that 75 per cent. of the membership is west of Port Arthur. But I am in hopes that it will not be long before that percentage is east of Winnipeg.

COMRADE POOLEY, Vancouver: "If it goes to Ottawa we shall be able to get our respective members of Parliament to act for us at once on anything we want to take up with them. Our member, H. H. Stevens, is in hearty accord with our Association. The better balanced men among the veterans are among the Army and Navy Veterans."

COMRADE STAGG, Calgary: "As another Western man, one from Sunny Alberta, I might say three parts of our members are west of Port Arthur, but the Great War Veterans have their headquarters right here."

COMRADE LOW, Winnipeg: "No, in Ottawa."

COMRADE STAGG, Calgary: "Well, then, why not have our headquarters here, when we do not wish to conflict in any way with the G.W.V. As a delegate from the West—and a *strong* delegate for the West—I wish to remain in the West all my days; what I am here for is to vote for my constituents to have their baby as near their mother and their mother near her children. Next year I shall not be here, as our delegates will probably say, 'You were a —— old fool——"

COMRADE AKERLEY, Kingston: "We are not talking about next year. The President should tell you that."

COMRADE MIDWINTER, Winnipeg: "I think it would be in the best interests of the Association that the headquarters for this year should be in Winnipeg. Seventy-eight per cent. of the agricultural land in Canada lays west of Winnipeg. We have been told here that this is the centre of the greatest wheat market in the world and that the returned soldiers, or all of them who can, are going in for agriculture and will be located in the West. Then there is the matter of transportation. We should take this into consideration, and the financial end of it. The headquarters may be moved from time to time as we deem it best in the interests of the Association. As with the office of President and Secretary, it is not always necessary to have it in one place."

COMRADE SMITHSON, Ottawa: "Wherever they are the headquarters should be there permanently. There seems to be a very vague idea in some of the Comrades' minds as to what we are talking about. This is headquarters or where best the business of the Association could be conducted. The only reason I would have the headquarters near the seat of Government is because we can have anything taken up by headquarters with members of the Government the same afternoon. The Secretary should be there and should be a well-informed man and should be able at any time to get a personal interview with any of the Members of Parliament. If you have to wait to take matters up by correspondence it means delay and often the waste paper basket."

COMRADE MURDOCH, Winnipeg: "What has Ottawa done for this Army and Navy Veterans' Association?—nothing, practically nothing. I want the headquarters in the city of Winnipeg because while we have not got the seat of Government here we have got the vote, and the weight of the men outside. Any time we have got anything it has not been through Ottawa, but through these men, these friends of ours outside Ottawa. Our charter went through without the aid of Ottawa; it was got up and got through by the Western representatives of this country. I think, not because I am a Winnipeg man, that the headquarters should be here, and I think the delegates would make a mistake to take the headquarters away from here. We know Ottawa; remember, too, we are a composite body and with no politics. Let us keep clear of that. I think I know something of the hard work some of the old Winnipeg members have done up to the present, and I tell you we received very little help from Ottawa or any other Ontario point, except that good old "Limestone" City of Kingston. We have been broad and big enough to make the Dominion Government yield to us in the matter of the welfare of Returned Soldiers. Remember that Winnipeg was the first city in Canada to take up the question of the Returned Soldiers. On the 22nd of May, 1915, we had three men back and we formed the R. S. A. on June 22nd, when we then got a citizens' organization composed of three members of the A. and N. V. and three citizens at large, to take up this question. On Christmas Day, 1915, the cititizens of Winnipeg raised, or caused to be raised, 30 tons of gifts to go round among the soldiers' wives, wives of men at the front. Winnipeg up to the present time has certainly been the only moving spirit

in the Dominion so far as the Army and Navy Veterans are concerned. I think, after we review the facts, it would be a great injustice to have the headquarters removed from Winnipeg at the present juncture."

COMRADE SMITHSON, Ottawa: "I do not think that recognition of a city should enter into it. If that basis were adopted then by all means Winnipeg should be the headquarters. I was simply speaking on the thought that Ottawa would be better for the Association. It is not the city that deserves it, because our Association in Ottawa is yet very, very young."

COMRADE POOLEY, Vancouver: "As the mover, I want to speak again. Our idea is simply that Ottawa would be the best place, the same as at Vancouver we are able to deal with the offices of M. D. 11 because we simply have to go upstairs."

COMRADE HOLMAN, Winnipeg: "We have heard the advantages of having the headquarters at Ottawa, but some of these are not altogether advantages. This has been proven by the headquarters of the G. W. V. being at Ottawa. It is only a short time ago I saw in the paper that instead of being an advantage to them it was a detriment. In Ottawa we are sure of our friends there, and they will work with outside politicians to see that they vote for you."

COMRADE IRVING, Winnipeg: "It was not my intention to address this Convention. First of all, it is a great pity, both in the interests of Comrade Smithson and myself as being nominees as Secretary, that the question of headquarters was not settled first. It would have relieved us of a duel to the death and it would have relieved this Convention of having to elect a Secretary. I met Comrade Smithson for the first time to-day and I was impressed with his geniality, also his ability which the few remarks that he has made proved that he has. It is not a question to my mind this year, the first year, as to whether Comrade Smithson or myself has the greater ability; it is a question as to where your interests will be best served. If you decided on Ottawa then I think Comrade Tupper should pack up and go there. I am decidedly of the opinion that the President and Secretary should be hand in hand, working together and in close touch. I do not want to say that as a campaign speech, because I want to say frankly and honestly that my interests are altogether negligible when compared with the interests of this Association. I am perfectly honest when I say that it matters not to me as to the election of Secretary. I am almost appalled at the amount of work I shall have to do if you elect me. There will be the correspondence between the various Units, the preparation for the collection of the per capita tax, and one million things to do which will keep a man fully occupied for many, many months. You have worked hard to bring about this Dominion Association; do not think of me; get the best man you can because you will need him. We should have an expression of opinion because it will be upon his shoulders the mantle of the work will fall."

COMRADE EVANS, Kingston: "I am delighted with the suggestion of my good friend, Comrade Irving. He suggested that we should make Comrade Tupper move down to Ottawa. If we had him at Ottawa we should not only have him President of the Army and Navy Veterans,

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but we should make him Premier. The remarks made by our good Comrade Murdoek are unfortunate in the extreme. We have been trying to eliminate the line of demarkation. He was strong for the erasure of provincialism, yet he has the inclination to build a fence around Winnipeg and confine this organization to this city exelusively. Also about the remarks on the charter, I am willing to concede everything to Winnipeg for the long and faithful years of service by its members through these long years of drudgery. But perhaps it would be better to leave the question of procedure under the charter in the background. It is true Winnipeg did take the charter to Ottawa, but had it not been for the East the charter would have died a natural death in committee. I am not prepared to coneede that all the work belongs to Winnipeg. The remarks were also unfortunate for Winnipeg, because the Winnipeg delegates do not want to be in the position of being set up on a platform and have the rest of us bow down in adoration. What they have done they have done unselfishly, not for themselves but for the whole. I do not think he intended to place them in that position, but there is the box. As for Ottawa, I do not think there is a great deal of affinity between Kingston and Ottawa. I ean never understand why the A. and N. V. did not have a braneh in Ottawa many years ago. I understand that if they had brought a correct certificate of membership it would have shown 800 members rather than 400. I think there is a decided advantage of having the headquarters at the nation's capital. It is absolutely necessary to have direct dealings with the various departments of the Government. We do not write very much at Kingston; if we have anything we get on the train and go to Ottawa. We have made it possible to have easy access to the Premier and the Minister of Militia. Not long ago the Minister said to us, 'You can find me in my office at any time, but do not come with a Member of Parliament, because no Member of Parliament can cut any figure. Come to me alone, and if you have a case it will be dealt with on its merits.' I have taken him at his word and have secured many things advantageous to our Assoeiation. I think the advantage we would get from direct contact with such bodies as the Pensions Board and the Deferred Pay Department should make us choose Ottawa. We are not all farmers and cannot all deal in wheat, and who will say, however meritorious a cause may be, it is not necessary to do some lobbying. We can keep a watchful eye on Parliament, a thing we have not been able to do in the past, and which has hampered us. The more we know of Parliamentarians the more we know they need watching. I am free to tell you we hold the whip hand in our eity of 22,000 because we made the politicians eame to us and could turn a vote upside down.... Don't let us play poodle dog any longer; let us tell them if they want to control the affairs of the country they have to consider the interests of the Army and Navy Veterans of Canada.....Let us not place Winnipeg in the position that it wants everything for itself. The G. W. V. found it to its advantage to have its headquarters in Ottawa because when any question arises the members go to the G. W. V. headquarters. They did this when they appointed the recent commission. If we go there the Government will be eompelled to turn to one as much as the other. I think if we do not go there it will be a fatal mistake and none will suffer more than Winnipeg."

COMRADE LEECH, Winnipeg: "Speaking on the spur of the moment, we must approach this subject in a spirit of unselfishness. We must measure the advantages of Ottawa with those of Winnipeg. I am not in favor of lobbying; if these men in Parliament do not deal with the pure force and logic of our demands we can bring to bear the whole force of our organization. We must do our business in the open. True, we must have watching done, but our friends at Ottawa can do that, and keep us well informed on what is going on down there. Ottawa is bound to play an important part anyway. But there is the advantage for Winnipeg of all being able to get together in the West to decide any important matter that might come up before the Executive."

At this stage it was decided to limit speeches to three minutes' duration.

COMRADE POOLEY, Vancouver: "We intend to go still further east and Ottawa may soon be the centre of our operations."

On motion, Comrades W. H. Welch, of Toronto, and W. K. Rooke, of Winnipeg, were appointed tellers.

The vote resulted as follows:

For the motion (in favor of Winnipeg)—

Brandon	3	Comrade Bourke.
Greenridge	1	Comrade Post.
Neepawa	2	Comrade Crawford.
Regina	11	Comrade Beck.
Weyburn	1	Comrade Jenkins.
Winnipeg	35	Comrade Leech.
Yorkton	7	Comrade Purvis.
Stonewall	1	Comrade McAllister.
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Against the motion (in favor of Ottawa)—

Calgary	9	Comrade Stagg.
Kingston	23	Comrade Evans.
Montreal	4	Comrade Smithson.
Vancouver	10	Comrade Pooley.
Vernon	1	Comrade Pooley (proxy).
Victoria	5	Comrade Young.
Ottawa	6	Comrade Mills.
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On the vote being announced, Comrade Evans, Kingston, moved that the choice of Winnipeg be made unanimous. "We have given you a race just to tune you up a little and you have only beaten us by three short strides. Judging by the treatment you have given us at this Convention, I am sure we shall look in a different light upon Winnipeg. We shall certainly not be strangers."

COMRADE ROTHWELL, Ottawa: "I will gladly second that."

The motion was carried with applause. "Three cheers for the city of Winnipeg," shouted Comrade Evans. These and a rousing "tiger" were given. In return the Winnipeg delegates cheered for the outsiders.

Comrade Leech, Winnipeg: "I am sure the graceful way in which the men of the East have given way after such a close vote, will be one which the men of the West will long remember, and long appreciate."

Comrade Midwinter, Winnipeg, here presented the outside delegates with a badge from the city of Winnipeg, assuring the recipients that the people of the prairie metropolis were always ready to welcome men interested in looking after the welfare of the heroes of the present war, and other wars of the British Empire.

Comrade Smithson, Ottawa, next withdrew as a nominee for the post of Secretary in favor of Comrade Irving, Winnipeg. He moved that Comrade Irving be elected by acclamation.

Comrade Evans, Kingston, seconded.

Comrade Low, Winnipeg: "I withdraw with the greatest reluctance simply on account of my love for the Association. I am indeed sorry to do so. In Comrade Irving, however, I am sure you could not have chosen a better man for the job. There is no better accountant in the city of Winnipeg; he is a shorthand writer and a very capable man.

Comrade Irving's election was then made unanimous and the delegates called, "What's the matter with Irving—he's alright."

Comrade Irving briefly returned thanks, stating that if he found the work too difficult he would not be too proud to give way to a better man. He was glad to have the assistance of such a worthy President, who was "one of the whitest men on earth."

The Chairman: "I am afraid I must call you to order."

Comrade Evans, Kingston: "In view of the fact that the President and Secretary are located here, I move that Comrade Low, Winnipeg, be made the unanimous choice for Treasurer."

Comrade Low, Winnipeg: "No, Winnipeg feels too hoggish already."

Comrade Pooley, Vancouver: "We could not have chosen a better man. I will second the nomination."

The motion was carried by standing vote and with cheers.

Comrade Low made brief reply, referring to his long connection with the A. and N. V., and assuring the delegates that he would still hold the interests of the Comrades very dear to himself.

Comrade Evans, Kingston: "I think a gentleman of the cloth should be left behind too, to take care of the men we have elected to fill offices, and I move the election of Comrade Rev. J. B. Silcox, D.D., as our Chaplain.

Comrade Pooley, Vancouver, seconded, and the election was made unanimous.

The session adjourned at 12.20, to 2 p.m.

THE CLOSING SESSION—WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th

The delegates reassembled at 2.30, with President Tupper in the Chair.

Nominations for membership to the Dominion Executive were first called.

Comrade Young, Victoria, nominated E. A. Pooley, Vancouver, for British Columbia.

Comrade Willis, Winnipeg, nominated Comrade J. H. Holman, for Manitoba.

Comrade Stagg, Calgary, nominated Comrade J. M. Tees, for Alberta.

Comrade Midwinter, Winnipeg, nominated Comrade Sergt.-Major Wheeler, for Manitoba.

Comrade Beck, Regina, nominated Comrade Major J. B. Jenkins, Weyburn, for Saskatchewan.

Comrade Evans, Kingston, nominated Comrade Sergt.-Major Smithson, Ottawa, for Ontario.

Comrade Pooley, Vancouver, nominated Comrade Sergt.-Major Cross, Montreal, for Quebec.

Comrade Murdoch, Winnipeg, nominated Comrade Col. F. B. McRae for Prince Edward Island.

COMRADE HUBBELL, Winnipeg: "I would point out that we have 17 seats and a wise distribution so far as returned men are concerned should be made."

It was decided that Nova Scotia and New Brunswick representation be left with the Executive.

COMRADE CURTIS, Winnipeg: "I understand Sergt.-Major Wheeler is anxious to go overseas again. I think we should elect someone for Manitoba who will be certain to be here to look after the wives and children. I am willing to go back again if they will take me."

Moved by Comrade Evans, Kingston, seconded by Comrade Hubbell, Winnipeg: "That the election of the members nominated be carried by acclamation, except in the case where two nominees are named." Carried.

COMRADE WHEELER, Winnipeg: "I will willingly withdraw."

COMRADE RILEY, Regina: "No. that is not right. We have only five returned men on the Executive."

COMRADE MILLS, Ottawa: "I think it would be wise, too, to have a little more representation of returned men. I have every admiration for Comrade Holman, however."

COMRADE HOLMAN, Winnipeg: "After the remarks of the last two speakers, and with the consent of my nominator, Comrade Willis, I will resign."

Moved by Comrade Akerley, Kingston, seconded by Comrade Midwinter, Winnipeg: "That the whole of the elections be now made unanimous." Carried.

Replying to Comrade Akerley, Kingston, the Chairman said any member of the Executive was eligible to hold office in a local Unit.

COMRADE MIDWINTER, Winnipeg, moved that the question of Auditors be left to the Executive.

THE CHAIRMAN: "That is covered in the Constitution."

Moved by Comrade Cross, Montreal, seconded by Comrade Gordon, Montreal: "That the next Convention of the A. and N. V. in Canada be held by special invitation in Montreal."

COMRADE EVANS, Kingston: "As representing the East we have rendered unto Caesar all the things that are Caesar's, and I think we will all be agreed to hold the next Convention in the East. I would suggest April 1 in Montreal. We in Kingston only ask the privilege of having the delegates meet at Kingston the day before the Convention and we will charter a special steamer to give you all one of the grandest rides you have ever heard of. We will take you through the gateway of the St. Lawrence, through the charming Thousand Islands, past Lachine Rapids and land you at Montreal."

The resolution was carried. The date of the Convention was left in the hands of the Executive, on the motion of Comrade Low, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Evans, Kingston.

COMRADE CROSS, Montreal, stated that they were working in harmony with the Montreal branch of the G. W. V. A., and he assured the delegates that the Montreal Comrades would make their stay as pleasant as possible.

Moved by Comrade Riley, Regina, seconded by Comrade Young, Victoria: "That we decide now the date of the next Convention." Lost.

At this stage, Comrade Evans, Kingston, suggested that as many delegates as possible visit Lieut.-Col. Carruthers, at his residence, the suggestion being adopted. *Note.*—About a score of the Comrades visited Lieut.-Col. Carruthers, who expressed his great pleasure at meeting them and regretted that his illness prevented him from attending the Convention.

Moved by Comrade Riley, Regina, seconded by Comrade Gilbert, Yorkton: "Whereas in view of the services rendered to the Dominion by the R.N.W.M.P. and that as their term of enlistment is only 3 years, be it resolved that the proviso under Clause 5 be added to *so that members of this Corps on completion of their period of service will be qualified for active membership.*"

The motion was, by unanimous vote, referred to the Executive for action.

Speaking in support of it, Comrade Tennant, Winnipeg, said: "In 1914, the R.N.W.M.P. offered to go to the front as a unit and since that time they have made several offers to go."

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Moved by Comrade Akerley, Kingston, seconded by Comrade Curtis, Winnipeg: "That Clause 8 of the Constitution be handed to the Executive Committee to amend to the effect that six years read three years." Carried.

Moved by Comrade Riley, Regina, seconded by Comrade Purvis, Yorkton: "That this Convention of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada herebly tender the Industrial Bureau its hearty thanks for the use of its Lecture Hall." Carried.

Moved by Comrade Wheeler, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Hay, D.C.M., Winnipeg: "That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Senator W. H. Sharpe and all who assisted him in the matter of securing a concession through the Dominion Railway War Board, of Convention rates to delegates to this Convention, and that a telegram be sent to Senator Sharpe to that effect." Carried.

Moved by Comrade Riley, Regina, seconded by Comrade Young, Victoria: "That the Dominion Association of Army and Navy Veterans in Canada be asked to instruct its incoming Executive to take up the question of lands now being held or owned by enemy aliens, towards the confiscation of same, and that details of the action be forwarded to all Units of the Association." Carried.

Moved by Comrade Irving, Winnipeg, seconded by Comrade Beck, Regina: "That the division of the territory allocated to the Organizers be made by the Executive Committee." Carried.

Moved by Comrade Riley, Regina, seconded by Comrade Purvis, Yorkton: "That the draft of the Constitution submitted by Comrade Leech be sent to the Vice-Presidents of each Province of the Dominion Associate and that this draft be brought up for consideration at the next Convention, Comrade Riley offering to furnish sufficient copies." Carried.

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After singing the National Anthem, and cheers had been given for the City of Winnipeg, and for the visiting Delegates, the First Dominion Convention adjourned sine die.

The next Convention is to be held in the City of Montreal, Que., on a date to be fixed by the Executive.

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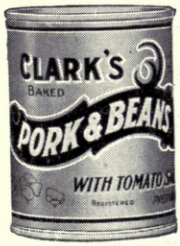

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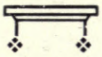

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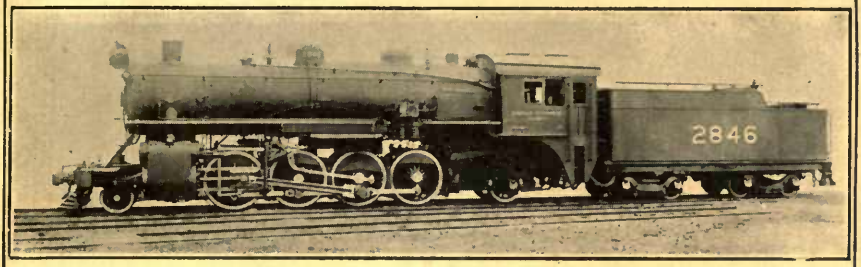

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